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Georgia weighs in to make one woman's day



pital, Cambridge, weighing 3.75kg, begins her first full day of life on International Women's Day – a celebration of what women have achieved, writes Kate Watson-Smyth. But as she lies unaware of the world around her, mil-

flons of women are reminding themselves of their in the world as an equal member of society. Mao Tsestrength and remembering what they have achieved since the dark days of non-suffrage and inequality.

They will celebrate the meaning of womanhood so

tung said that women hold up half the sky. Many would say they keep the world turning as well. Today is a fes-They will celebrate the meaning of womanhood so tival where they will pledge to continue fighting for themthat one day Georgia too will be able to take her place selves and their children. Photograph: Brian Harris Photograph: Brian Harris

# Row over hospital killer bug

Anthony Bevins and Paul Routledge

a tenfold increase in the number of hos-

pital patients contracting a potential killer hug.

John Huram, minister for Health said in a Commons reply that the total oumber of cases of methicillinresistaot staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) was not "collected ceotrally", and the Ministry had no idea of the number of cases in which the bug "contributed to or caused death".

He told Andrew MacKinlay, Labour MP for Thurrock that 177 English hospitals had 'voluntarily' reported 19.385 patients affected by MRSA last year up from 2,286 patients in 1992.

But Chris Smith, Labour's health spokesman, told The Independent last

night: "The fact that the Government has nn idea how many cases nf this occur nationally is another example of their disregard for public health. You go into hospital to get better; not to get ill."

In a speech in the Scottish Labour Party conference in Inverness yesterday, Tony Blair said: "This is a government in a state of decay, utterly incapable of providing leadership or competence in the administration of the country's affairs."

Labour plans to set up a consumernricoted Food Standards Agency, re- and treated with antibiotics. ting directly both to the nf Health and what remains of the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food. But with four elderly people admitted to hospital yesterday, after drinking wa-ter contaminated with the microscopic parasite cryptosporidium. Commons answers on the MRSA epidemic showed that the natioo's health problems go far wider than food and drink.

The nfficial Public Health Laboratory Service told The Independent ves-

terday that while it had partial figures on MRSA cases, "death data is not available. Patients infected with MRSA Ministers were last night accused of taking a cavalier attitude to public health after it was revealed that there has been but oot of it." That view appeared to clash with the statement made by the minister. Mr Horam, who told Mr MacKinlay yesterday: "It is not known in how many cases MRSA cootributed to or caused death."

Professor Brian Austeo, of the Herint-Watt University in Edinburgh, currently engaged in the early stages of developing a drug to counter MRSA, said: "People are being infected, and they are dying. If they do not have the figures on that, then alarm bells should

He said that Whitehall's response was worrying. "MRSA can give rise to serious disease and can lead to death.... It is usually associated with hospitals and weaker members of the community, but under the current scenario, people are gning into hospital without

, and they are coming out with it."

The severity of the bug is shown by the action taken when some hospitals have been hil by it. Nichnlas Soames. the Armed Forces minister, told Mr MacKinlay this week that in one incident at the Cambridge Military Hospital in 1994, there had been a "widespread infection" of MRSA, all admissinns had heen stopped for more than a week, all staff had been screeced

report said in 1995 that MRSA "now af-

fects more than 50 hospitals per month". Mr Mackinlay inid The Independent that the Minister's attitude was "out-rageous". He said that the Government did not even appear in have set up a mandatory screening for all patients go-ing into hospitals. "My fear is... it will have budgetary implications for the National Health Service unless something is done soon, and thoroughly."

### Peking hit by rush-hour bus blast

Teresa Poole

An explosion on a bus in one of Peking's major shopping streets during last night's rush hour in-jured and possibly killed a numher of people. Reuters oews agency said two people were killed. Police refused to say whether they were investigating a homb, but the blast came just III days after three bombs were planted on buses in the far western provioce of Xinjiang. where Muslim separatists have been blamed by the Chinese for a series of attacks over the past

By the early hours of this morning, there was still a very heavy police presence an Xidan Street where debris from the bus could be seen outside one of the big shopping malls. Workers at the Jishuitan Hospital said some of the eight injured had burns all over their bodies.

Terrorist attacks in China, or it least those that come to ight, are rare. So if Uighur Musim separatists have started a ombing campaign in China's apital city, the loophules in China's security system will oon become apparent, eveo with policing tightened in the ake of the death of Deng Xioping. Explosives are easy to ome by in a country where tere are many private mines nd controls can be very lax.

# 9,000 years on, Cheddar Man meets the relatives

Charles Arthur Science Editor

Adrian Targett visited the home of a close relative yesterday. He had to put on Wellingtoo boots The relative wasn't in. Hardly surprising: he died 9,000 years

But there's no doubt: Mr Targett, a 42-year-old history teacher in Cheddar, Somerset has been shown by DNA tests to be a direct descendant, by his mother's lice, of "Cheddar Man", the oldest complete skeletno ever found in Britain. and now also the world's most distant confirmed relative.

Even the Royal Family can only trace its heritage back to King Ecgbert, whn ruled from 829AD to 830AD. By contrast, Cheddar Man, a hunter-gatherer who predated the arrival of farming, lived in 7,150BC.

The news caught everyooe by surprise. Mr Targett's wife, Catherine, said: "This is all a bil of a surprise, but maybe this explains why he likes his steaks

rare". The discovery came about during tests performed as part nf a TV series on archaeology in Somerset, Once Upon a Time in the West, to be shown later this year. DNA found in the pulp cavity of one of Cheddar Man's molar teeth was tested at Ox-



The generation game: Adrian Targett (above right, and as a baby with his mother, right) has been shown by DNA tests to be descended from Cheddar Man (left)

compared with that of 20 people locally, whose families were known to have been living in the area for some generations. To make up the oumbers, Mr

ford University's Institute of Targett, an only child who has firmed it. "I'm absolutely over-Mnlecular Medicine, and then on children, joined in But the whelmed," said Mr Targett, oo match was unequivocal: the hearing of the match. "It is very

two men have a common ma- strange news in receive - I'm ternal ancestnr. The mito- not sure how I feel at the mochnodrial DNA, which is inherited from the egg, con-

His pupils were delighted

("He has oever had a nickname . until now," said one 16-yearnld with relish) and so are scicotists. The finding could provide a key to the debate about the process by which early humans settled down in an agricultural life.

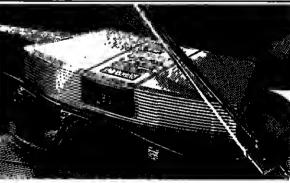
Cheddar Man was discovered in 1903, 20 metres inside Gough's Cave, which is the largest of 100 caverns in Cheddar Gorge - Britain's prime site for Palaeolithic human remains. He had been buried alooe in a chamber oear the mouth of a deep cave, about 1,000 years be-

fore hunter-gathering began to give way to farming. At the site, Mr Targett said: "I'm glad I doo't live down here - it's very dark, dank and dismal. I have been down here before but I never dreamed I was in my ancestor's hame."

Dr Larry Barham, an archaeology lecturer at Bristol University, said: "There is de-bate over whether farmers arrived from Eastern Europe and ousted hunter-gatherers - nr whether the idea of farming spread through the population. This discovery strongly suggests an element of the second.

Physically, Cheddar Man would have looked like modern man. "You could put a suit on him and he wouldn't look out of place in an office.," Dr Barham added.





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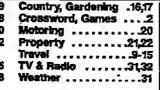
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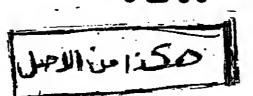


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### significant shorts

### Hunt goes on for thief who stole Picasso at gunpoint

The hunt continued yesterday for the armed robber, described by police as "audacious and dangerous", who stole a £600,000 Picasso painting from a central London gallery.

Police praised a taxi driver hijacked by the thief to help in his escape with the stolen painting on Thursday.

A man, armed with a sawn-off shotgan, walked into the Lefevre Gallery in Bruton Street and took 35 seconds to rip Pablo Picasso's Title de Femme from the wall before fleeing to Wimbledon in south-

A photograph from the gallery's surveillance camera was released yesterday. Interpol, art experts and galleries around the world have been alerted to the then.

Jason Bennet

### Alcoholic ice lollies recalled

Kwik Save supermarket chain yesterday ordered the recall of a faulty batch of ice lollipops which ferment into alcohol. after a mother gave them to her two young children.

The supermarket chain has cleared Frozzy icepops from its shelves after fears that children around the country could have caten them. The product, made by Magna confectioners in Shropshire, was made with a faulty recipe, which meant the lollies contained 5 per cent alcohol.

Lynne Bradburn of Manchester gave the icepops to her children aged four and six. before discovering that they tasted like gin.

### Attempt to solve 'Derbyshire' riddle

The final part of the expedition to try to solve the mystery of the largesi British merchani ship ever lost at sea will start this

weekend, it was announced yesterday.

The UK-EC funded expedition will spend 47 days on the wreckage site of the MV Derbyshire which went down in a typhoon off Japan in 1980 with the loss of all 44 people on board. Concerns about structural failure on the 169,000-tonne Teesside-built carrier led to a union-sponsored expedition examining the wreck in 1994. Their findings resulted in this official expedition being mounted, the results of which could be known later this year.

The United States research vessel, Thomas G Thompson, was

due to leave Guam, in the Pacific, today to travel to the wreckage site more than 400 miles off Okinawa. The survey team are equipped to obtain complete Sonar and photographic coverage of the wreckage field. An official inquiry into the disaster in 1987 said the weather was probably to blame. But families of the crew, trade unions and shipping experts have long argued that the disaster was caused by structural defects in the vessel.

### Fewer strip searches for McAliskey



Roisin McAliskey, the pregnant 25-year-old being held on remand in connection with the IRA mortar attack on a British army barracks at Osnabruck, Germany, last year, has had her prison

category reduced. Ms McAliskey, left, daughter of the former nationalist MP Bernadette Devlin, was previously a Category A high-risk prisoner in Holloway Prison, north London which meant she was strip-

searched before and after prison visits. Yesterday, the Prison Service reduced her classification to Category A standard-risk which means she will he strip-searched less often and will be allowed access to a dress-making craft shop in the prison. A spokesman for the Prison Service said she would now be

subject only to random strip-searching or when "under suspicion". He said the decision was made by a group of "fairly senior memhers of the Prison Service" including Alan Walker, director of operation for the south region, whose beat includes Holloway. Ms McAliskey is due to give hirth in May.

### Drug dealer tortured woman rival

A member of a violent drugs gang was yesterday found guilty of kidnapping and imprisoning a rival woman drug-dealer who suffered a 72-hour ordeal which included a mock execution. The 27-year-old was stripped and repeatedly tortured with electric shocks. She was also beaten, her long hair was hacked off,

and she was threatened with scolding water and told her fingers would he amputated. The woman, who was repeatedly told she was going to be killed, was only freed after frantic relatives raised a £9.000 ransom. At one point, the gang leader, Barclay Walters, pulled out a gun, loaded it with a single round, held it to her

temple and pulled the trigger.

She eventually recovered physically, but would remain mentally scarred for life, Knightsbridge Crown Court was told. Manjeet Gill. of Esher. Surrey, was convicted of kidnapping and conspiring falsely to imprison the woman. He was cleared of

conspiracy to blackmail and possessing a firearm.

Gill, 32 had denied all the charges. He will be sentenced on 26 March with Anurodh Sharma, 32, who was found guilty of conspiracy falsely to imprison, after earlier owning up to the hlackmail plot. Dipty Sharma, 26, was convicted of both the false imprisonment and blackmail conspiracies. Her disc-jockey husband Sanjeev Sharma. 28, and Walters, 38, had admitted both charges, as well as a firearms possession offence.

### Bee colonies ravaged by disease

The whole of England and Wales has been declared a statutory infected area after the government and beekeepers failed to halt the spread of a devastating disease among bees. The varroa disease, a mite infestation of bees first found in Britain in 1992, has already ravaged bee cotonics in the south-east and has spread as far as the Scottish borders, as well as throughout

The statutory infected area was yesterday widened by the Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food to include Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cumbria and Northumbria. The designation makes the movement of bees into and out of

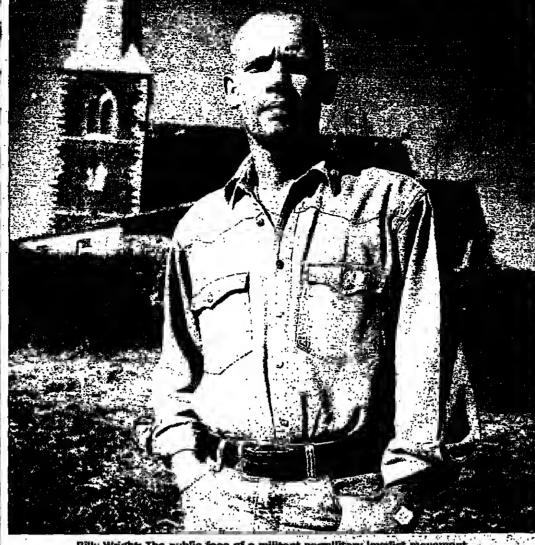
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### Death threat puts Ulster's King Rat behind bars

Billy Wright, who as "King Rat" has been the most public face of militant loyalist extremism in North-ern Ireland, was yesterday jailed for eight years for threatening to kill a woman."

The judge described the 36-year-old as a sinister man whose threats, in August 1995, had "petrified" the woman. She was a key witness in the case, and has now left Northern Ireland. She lives under police protection at a secret address in England.

Wright's high public profile and fearsome reputa-tion made him into both an icon of loyalist paramili-tarism and a target for numerous IRA attempts on his life. He also had to contend with close RUC attentions: which led him to lodge frequent complaints about "po-

Last year he fell foul of his own organisation, the ilnounced that he would be killed if he did not leave Northern Ireland. Such a range of enemies led a senior police officer to say last summer: "It's really a question of who gets to him first – the IRA, the UVF or us."

authorities. Passing judgment, Lord Jostice McCollum described him as an inscrutible witness whose evidence was not capable of belief, while the woman witness had been honest, reliable and accurate.

Outside court, one of Winght's friends said: "It's an absolute disgrace. The judgment was completely political."

Wright featured prominently in last year's Orange, march standoff at Drumcree, not far from his home; when it was said he had planned an assault on police lines using an armoured buildozer. The Uster Union ist Party leader, David Trimble, was childed for meeting him during the confrontation, but responded by saying he had been working to every violence.

ing he had been working to avert violence. His brushes with the law go back at least until 1981; when he was charged with the murder of a Catholic. in jall for possession of a gun. Unusually for a loyel-ist paramilitary, he went through a religious phase dur-Ing which he became a ley preacher.

David McKittrick, Belfast

### Life's a drag for pleasure-loving Japanese PM

Japan's Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoth, is e man renowned for his love of physical pleasure. As a mountaineer, he has scaled Japan's highest and most challenging peaks. He is a black belt in kendn, the vigorous martial ert of fencing with wooden staves. A few years ago, e tabtoid magazine ran an interview with nne of his former mistresses, who praised him for his skill and sensitivity as a

But now, Mr. Hashimoto has got into trouble. Yesterday five plaintiffs from the city of Nagoya filed a legal suit claiming that the Prime Minister is in daily violation of Japan's constitution for his enthusiastic cigarette habit.

Compared to other industrialised countries, Japan ie a smoker's Eden. On every street corner there is e vending machine dispensing multiple cigarette brands for 220 yen (£1.10) e packet. Television advertigements mutinety show eports people finishing off their swimming or skiing routines with a hearty fag.
Like millinns of his countrymen

In an unusual case of surrogate motherhood, an Ital-

ian woman is pregnant with the babies of two differ-

three-months pregnant, offered to carry both foetuses

when she learned her doctor was having trouble find-

ing surrogate mothers. Corriere della Sera reported

To circumvent Italian medical rules designed to

prevent surogacy, the procedure was carried out in

birth. After their birth, the babies will be matched to

The Italian media identifed the woman nnly as An-

gela, e mother of two living in Rome. In an interview

Switzerland, where the woman also plans to give

the right parents through a blood test.

ent couples. The 35-year-old woman, who is



Mr Hashimoto sees no shame in his addiction. In remarks cited by the plaintiffs he vows: "I will smoke as much as possible." To the Nagoya Five, however, these words are incendiary. They cite Ar ticle 25 of the constitution, which states: "All people ehall have the right to minimum standards of

wholesome and cultured living." This, they believe, obliges prime ministers to abstain from smoking. As well as 110,000 yen in damages, they are demanding that Mr Hashimoto give up for the duration of his premiership.

Richard Lloyd Parry, Tokyo

Italian outrage over double surrogacy

with his second wife.

### Marvin speaks of son's lonely death

The former Shadows guitarist, Hank Marvin, talked yesterday for the first time about the lonely death of his alcoholic son. Dean Marvin, 35, who died on 6 January In a London YMCA hostel, had reportedly not seen his father for 10

Dean became estranged from his father, a Jehovah's Witness, before Hank went to live in Australia

Speaking on the This Morning TV show, Hank Marvin said: "He wanted to lead a life with no responsibility where he could drink. If I'd provided finance for him, It would have simply gone on drugs or alcohol. He was an adult. He made a lot of wrong decisions. It'e really sad, but that killed him.

"Initially it was a shock and the grief is taking a while to work through but we had no idea of his condition. We knew he was drinking and taking drugs but I didn't reallse he was an alcoholic. My daughter told me afterwards he had been in e bad way for 18

"He got involved with people we were unhappy with and warned him against."

with the Turin newspaper La Stampa, the woman said

Health minister Rosy Bindi said the case had:

called for a law to regulate surrogate motherhood.

Dr Aldn Pagni, head of the Italian physicians asso-

ciation, said disciplinary action should be brought against the doctor responsible for the treatment.

nlogian, whose views are close to those of Pone

John Paul, said the pregnancy was "a new step to-wards madness". The Catholic Church opposes all

forms of artificial human conception, including test-

tube fertilisation and surrogacy. AP/Reuters, Rome

Father Ginn Concetti, e Raman Catholic moral the-

"brought us to limits never before crossed" and

she was receiving only expenses.

### briefing

### TECHNOLOGY

### Catalytic converter will be cheaper and cleaner

Scientists have developed a catalytic converter which would be Scientists have developed a catalytic converter which would be cheaper to manufacture and more efficient in controlling exhaust emissions, they announced yesterday. Existing converters used by vehicle manufacturers all use platinum and rhodium. The new design, developed at Dundee University, replaces these precious metals with a cheaper mixture of palladium and zinc.

The university has patented its development and is now in discussions with components manufacturers around the world after presenting their breakthrough to the Society of Automobile Engineers in Detroit. They are seeking to strike a deal with a

presenting their breakthrough to the Society of Automobile Engineers in Detroit. They are seeking to strike a deal with a manufacturer who would test the new design and ensure that it could perform for at least 100,000 miles.

The catalyst is the invention of Professor James Cairns of the university's department of applied physics and electronic and mechanical engineering, and Dr James Thomson. lecturer in the department of chemistry. They have been working on the project for the past 11 months, after stumbling on the basic premise almost by chance. by chance.

### WHITEHALL

### Open government a myth

Public bodies are failing to meet Government guidelines on openness, a survey showed yesterday. More than a quarter of organisations contacted fell short of the standards enshrined in their published commitments to open government.

According to the Press Gazette survey, 50 government departments and quangos were asked for information, which the public is entitled to under the Code of Practice on Access to

Government Information.

But results showed only 11 departments replied "quickly and willingly", 25 responded only "edequately", some giving information after being prompted to reply, and 11 failed to comply with the code by providing "wrong or inadequate" information. Some did not give any information in their responses and three refused to reply at all.

The Code of Provider was introduced in 1994 when the Government Information.

The Code of Practice was introduced in 1994 when the Government resisted calls for a Freedom of Information Act.

Press Gazette reported that those organisations which showed good practice included the Foreign Office, the Department of the Environment, Oftel and the Department of Trade and Industry.



### HEALTH

### Clouds over sunshine in a bowle

Prozac, the anti-depressive drug often described as "sunshine in a bottle", can take its toll on users' sex high, tesearch published in the US has claimed. The downside to taking Prozac and other SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) can be a dramatic loss of libido, say the authors of a study published in Primary

Conventional medical wisdom has long held that users of SSRIs are less prone to side-effects than those who use other forms of anti-depressants. But the US researchers say that between 40 and 50 per cent of those taking Prozac and similar anti-depressants. including Zoloft, Paxil, and Luvox, suffer from some sort of sexual dysfunction. "It is now e truth generally acknowledged that SSRIs cause sexual dysfunction more than any other class of anti-

depressants," they write.

SSRIs are used by millions around the world. More than 12 million prescriptions are written for them each year in Britain 



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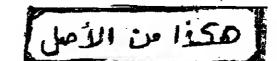


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# Xenophobic humour leaves a bad taste

TV advertisements are winning awards, but not from the viewers

Paul McCann Media Correspondent

Sex, Satan and an advertisement that has been smothered with industry awards dominated the top ten most complained-about television commercials in 1996.

The Blackcurrant Tango softdrink advertisement, featuring the zenophobic spokesman Roy Gardner who challenges a French schoolboy to a fight because he doesn't like blackcorrants, made the Independent. Television Commission's annual top ten with 68 complaints. Earlier this week the same advertisement was named "ad of the year in the prestigious Creative Circle awards and has received similar accolades from industry magazines like Marketing Week.

Viewers' complaints that the her headache. After receiving 73 commercial would encourage violence to foreigners were dismissed by the ITC on the moved it to after the 9pm wagrounds that with characters like tershed. There was a similar Alf Garnett and Basil Fawlty Britain had a proud tradition of xenophobic humour.

HHCL & Partners, the advertising agency that made the Tango advertisement, made it featured a quiz show called "Get a New Face" offering cosviewers thought the advertise-

You have a young group who are getting more extreme in what they find amusing," says Rupert Howell, managing partner of HHCL. And, he believes that many who complain deserve to be offended.

three of the top ten. The second most complained-about commercial was for the Nissan Micra. Viewers thought it was 'of 1997 I can tell we'll have even promoting the black arts byshowing a cirl sticking pins in a voodoo image of her boyfriend who had borrowed her Micra. Many of the 126 viewers who

complained were convinced it would encourage children to experiment with voodoo while others though it offensive to Christianity

Third on the blacklist came Nike's Euro 96 commercial on a fiery pitch - 121 viewers were worried by the satanic imagery used and thought it would scare children.

Similarly satanic was an advertisement for the soft drink; Im Bru. It got into the top ten. because it featured a boy with horns and glowing eyes.

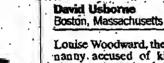
Sex also prompted the moral minority to pick up their pens. An advertisement for Hedex painkillers showed a woman getting in the mood - after previously turning down her man - thanks to Hedex curing problem with an advert for Addiction perfume where a couple undressed each other - too much for 83 viewers.

The most complained about advertisement of all was for a into the top ten with another commercial for Martini. This promoted by Granada as "only on video" in January 1995 -600,000 copies were sold. Three metic surgery to contestants so they could be good-looking enough to drink Martini. Some months later the episode was shown on television. The FTC re-ceived 262 complaints but ceived 262 complaints but Granada received over 3,000 and ment hurtful to those with facial was forced to apologise and disfigurements and in bad taste. give complaments a free Coronation Street book.

Virginia Lee, the ITC's spokeswoman on advertising, says there is a steady increase every year in the number of complaints about television advertisements, but she doesn't be-Satanic imagery featured in lieve it means that advertising agencies are trying to push against the boundaries of taste: "Just from the first two months more complaints this year. I



# Murder case nanny seeks bail



Louise Woodward, the British nanny accused of killing a. nine-month-old-boy in her care

Tango's advert (main picture) and

Miss Woodward faces life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted. Defence lawyers were also

expected last night to ask the judge to grant hall in the case. Miss Woodward has been held side Boston.

He died on 9 February after five days on life support.

The parents of the victim, Deborah and Sunil Eappen, who are both doctors in Boston. have publicly asked that bail be

also been struck against a solid object. Miss Woodward has told police she gently shook the child while bathing him and may have tossed him into some towels on the floor.

juries occurred. In a letter to a local newspaper, the firm said it had evidence showing that Miss Woodward was "not the only person with access to the infant who could have inflicted an injury."
The firm has not claborated

lartini's commercial (above) was

on this claim.

However, it is thought that Matthew's two-year-old brother, Brendan, was in the Eappen house on that day. Any implication of Brendan in the death has been dismissed by Mrs

### Security conscious Whitehall falls foul of thieves

**Barrie Clement** 

Going to a car boot sale this weekend? It might be as well to look out for the increasingly popular designer label: "Prop-erty of HM Government".

Whitehall seems to be suffering from a crime wave of its own over the past year with anything portable vulnerable to illicit removal. Perhaps most embarrassing - and worrying for the security services - was the "theft or loss" of computer equipment

from the Cahinet Office.

The Ministry of Defence Policy Agency, however, may also feel slightly shamefaced about the 10 truncheons purloined from the department together with several sets of handcuffs. Perhaps those with unusual sexual interests

may find them of use.
At the Home Office. presided over by Michael Howard, celebrated for his "get tough" policy towards criminals, officials seem to have mislaid five vehicles, said to be worth £47,200. It is the more unfortunate because the Home Office has recently embarked on

a campaign against car crime. Even the Crown Prosecution Service has not been spared the attentions of footpads and ne er do wells. It has suffered 11 separate thefts of "personal and office items" and the cere-bral Serious Fraud Office. apparently used to tracking down big-time criminals with hrains. has been unable to trace the thief who has struck twice.

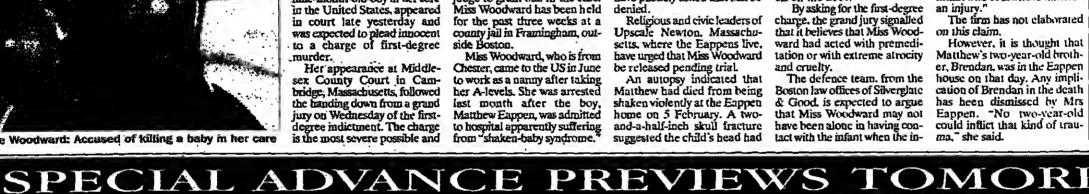
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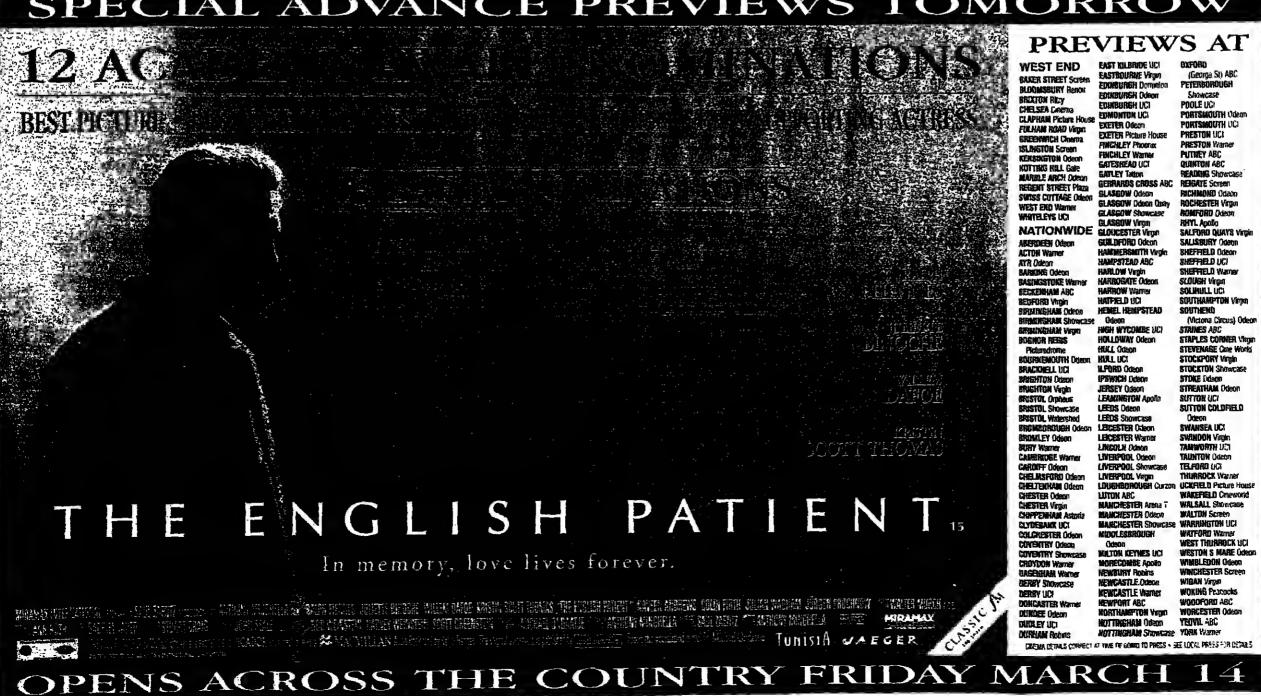
lan McCariney, Lahour's chief employment spokesman, says government departments have been deprived of equipment worth Lomin the past year, none of which can be accounted for.

Mr McCartney, who unmentary Questions, said: "It is appalling that ministerial incompetence is allowing millions of pounds worth of government equipment to literally disappear. Small losses may be expected in any organisation, but when such huge amounts of equipment go missing, there is

serious cause for concern." One of the more interesting items boot fair aficionados may encounter is the nosecone of an aeroplane worth £35,849 removed from the Royal Air Force Maintenance Group Defence Agency.







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Yard launches inquiry after unauthorised publication of 'intimidating' photographs

Crime Correspondent

Scotland Yard has launched an internal inquiry into the publication of a photograph showing an armed police boat patrol which critics have condemned as "macho posturing" and deliberately intimidating.

The photograph of a new maritime unit includes six specialist firearms officers clad in goggles and helmets totting automatic machine guns. None of the armed officers are members of the unit. tt was taken on behalf of the boat squad and published on the front page of a yesterday's Police Review magazine.

Senior officers at the Met-ropolitan Police, including Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner, are understood to be extremely angry about the publication, which was not authorised by the Scotland Yard headquarters. They believe it gives a false and damaging impression of the Metropolitan Police.

But a monitoring group and a London MP last night accused Scotland Yard of macho behaviour and said the picture created an image of a police state.

The photograph was used to illustrate a feature about the four-man unit hased on the River Thames. Officers have specialist training in the use of rigid inflatable boats, surveillance and abseiling.

Part of the force's Thames division, the Wapping-hased team, will be employed on normal river-hased policing activities, such as search and rescue operations, but will have an additional role transporting and assisting officers from other specialist units,

training regularly with the force's SO19 firearms teams. Insp Michael Burke, head of the Maritime Special Operations team, wrote an article for the magazine and according to Scotland Yard provided the photographs.

The internal inquiry will examine why police headquarters was not informed about the article or the contents of the photograph, which are seen as damaging to the force's image. A spokesman said: "There are a lot of questions to be asked. The image of the Metropolitan police is of police officers in helmets walking the beat."

But Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, said: "Gradually we are slipping into a police state where officers with visible guns is becoming the norm.

"I find it very scary and totally unnecessary to have this kind of macho posturing." Gilly Mundy, project work-er of the Newham Monitoring

Project, a police monitoring group in London, added: Either this is a bad PR mistake or the police are deliberately using this image to intimidate people".



River watch: The controversial front cover of the 'Police Review' magazine showing London's river police dressed in what look like paramilitary uniforms

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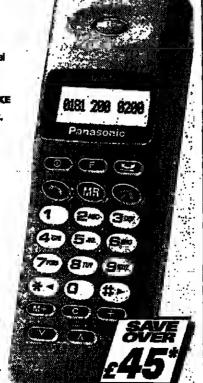
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# HIV doctor put 1,700 women patients at risk

More than 1,700 women may of HIV intection from a jumo doctor working in obstetrics and gynaecology from February

1991 until January this year. The doctor, who worked at four hospitals in Essex, East London and Gloucestershire, discovered their HIV status in February and notified the hospitals concerned. The sex of the doctor has not been revealed.

Four health authorities -Redbridge and Waltham Forest, South Essex, Barking and Havering and Gloucestershire trawled the records of 50,000 women parlents over the past two weeks and found that 1,752. women may have been exposed during a variety of operations. Yesterday, they sent out letters by courier to all the women involved, offering them advice, counselling and HIV testing, if

appropriate. Dr Georgia Duckworth, Re-gional Epidemiologist for North Thames, said: "Women will be

known as 'exposure-prone procedures' such as major cynaecological operations like hysterectomies or Caesarian deliveries, but on the evidence of previous exercises we would not expect to find any cases of the infection having been passed on. Parents do not need to be con-

cerned about risks to babies

born in any of the hospitals.

The hospitals and periods during which the doctor was employed, are: Gloucestershire Royal, Gloucester (February 1991 to October 1993); King George, Redhridge (August 1993 to February 1995); Whipps Cross, Waltham Forest (March 1995 to February 1996 and April 1996 to January 1997) and Southend (March 1996 to October 1996). Duplication of dates is due to part-time work.

There have only been two reported incidents where HIV-infected health care workers have

concerned to hear this news, but transmitted the virus to pa-I do want to say to them that the tients. One, the case of the risk of infection really is very Florida dentist, involved transhave been exposed to the risk small. We are contacting pa- mission to six patients, and a repaedic surgeon involved transmission to one patient.

Around the world retrospective studies of more than 22,000 patients of HIV-infected health care workers have failed to show any evidence of transmission. There have been six retrospective exercises in the UK, involving about 4,500 patients, and none of those tested was found to be infected.

Dr Noel Gill, consultant epidemiologist at the Public Health Laboratory Servicesaid: "Although the risk is small, it is too early to stop undertaking notifications in cases like this."

A belpline for patients from the London and Essex areas has been established on 0800 146 271. Patients from Gloucestershire can ring 0800 146091. General information about HTVinfection and Aids can be obtained from the National Aids Helpline on 0800 567123.

### Lang to face court challenge over arms deals escalates

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is to face the first legal challenge over licensing the export of UK-manufactured armoured vehicles and water cannon to the repressive regime in Indonesia.

Tapol (the Indonesian Human Rights Campaign), the Campaign Against Arms Trade and the World Development Movement have photographic evidence and video evidence they say proves that the British government is breaking its own policies on arms export and human rights by giving the go-ahead to the exports.

The Department of Trade and Industry disclosed on 9 December last year that it had issued licences to the Coventrybased firm Alvis for 50 Scorpion armoured vehicles and to strations was "totally unac-Procurement Services International Limited for a variety of police vehicles, including water cannon. It was revealed in a parliamentary answer on 23 January that the latter licence covers more than 300 armoured vehicles made by Southampton-

organisations' solicitor, Stephen Grosz, to Mr Lang highlighted an incident in April, when the Indonesian army used Britishmade armoured vehicles to disperse a student demonstration. Three students were killed.

In June, security forces sprayed liquid from a Britishmanufactured armoured vehicle during a pro-democracy demonstration. Mr Grosz has been advised that the chemical is likely to have been CS gas. Government policy, set out in

a consultative document fol-

lowing the Scott arms-for-Iraq mouiry, is "to avoid contributing to internal repression and instability [and] .... to avoid contributing to human rights abuses." Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office Minister of State, said in an answer last October that the use of water cannon to stop peaceful demonceptable", adding: "It is totally unacceptable to use chemicals

or dyes with the water cannon." The three organisations gave Mr Lang a month to avoid the prospect of legal action by agreeing to withdraw the licences. The deadline expired at

# Unrest

Labour Editor :

The threat of damaging pre-election walk-outs in the motor industry grew yesterday as Rover workers began voting in a strike ballot and union officials warned of the "inevitability" of

an all-out stoppage at Peugeot. At Rover's Longbridge plant 2,000 workers have been told a plan to invest filbn at the complex could be withdrawn if they take industrial action. Against union advice, employees who make the 400-series car sought and won a strike ballot in protest at plans to change shift patterns. Labour Party leaders are keeping an eye on unrest in the industry for fear of the

Tories making capital of it. Rover workers voted against the shift changes last year in a ballot held by the company but now management insists the new arrangements go shead. Rover says the system, which will mean lower pay, is needed because too many vehicles are being produced.

Peugeot workers, in Coventry, are protesting about longer shifts and an alleged refusal by 5pm yesterday and the groups | management to negotiate seri-A letter last month from the will apply for a judicial review lously over pay.



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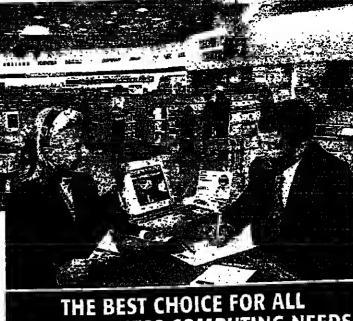
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Public health: Outbreaks of sickness pinned on poor cleanliness as more hit by water bug

# Hygiene attack on Scottish abattoirs

Science Editor

Abattoir hygiene will be "vig-orously criticised" in the imminent report on last November's E.coli 0157 outbreak in Lanarkshire, which killed 18 people, The Independent has

A senior Scottish health scientist, who has provided key data to help track down the source of the contamination, said that the forthcoming report will "deal with abattoir hygiene very vigorously", and added: "If Professor Pennington would be hygiene standards in abattoms given full access to the reports. were satisfactory, then you wouldn't get E.coli outbreaks."

The comments by Bill-Reilly, assistant director of the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health in Glasgow, will add weight to those who suspect that lives might have been saved if a controversial report, Red Meat, on hygiene standards in British abattoirs had not been suppressed and then watered down by the Government.

Meanwhile, John Major, continued to try and damp down the internal Whitehall row over the suppression of the report by saying that it was "Indicrous" to suggest that senior ministers were at each others' throats over the fact that the Scottish Office had said it only received a copy of the full report on Thursday.

The first, 54-page version displeasure over the affair when was finished on 14 December he told BBC Radio 4's Today 1995, and contained numer-ous criticisms and evaluations of abattoirs' practices. A final In the Commons on Thurs-28-page version was issued in day, Mr Major told Tony Blair June 1996 to selected food in. That there were "huge numbers dustry organizations, but never of such working documents officially, referred to in any every year. If they all came to public government document ministers for ministers to read

into the Lanarkshire E.coli out break, which centred on a single butcher's shop, also said yesterday that it was now 'very important" that he was given the earlier draft reports of the Meat Hygiene Service's survey of

"I have only seen the final report, which one might have to say, has an element of sanitisation about it," he said. "It doesn't have raw data or numbers or percentages - it has giv-en rather general descriptions."

The Scottish Office said that

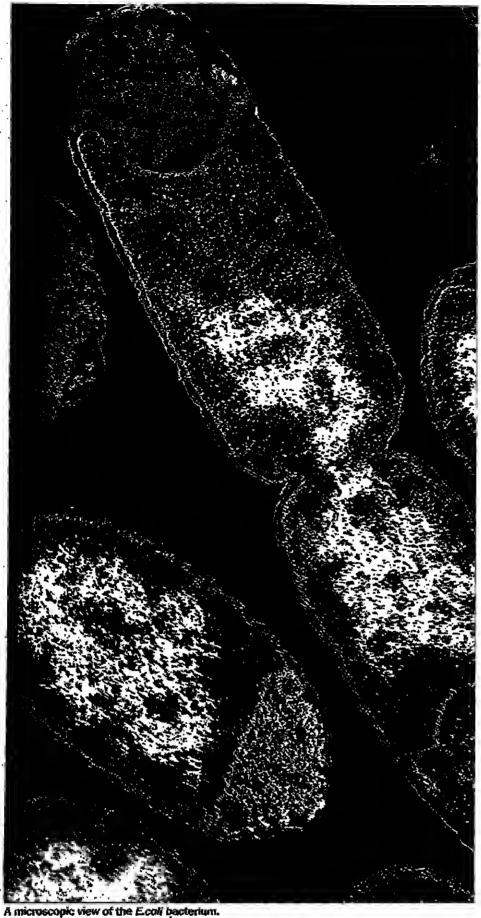
given full access to the reports. Mr Reilly, who has not yet seen the report, insisted that improving hygiene standards could have an immediate effect on preventing wide-scale E.coli 0157 infection. "When we have outbreaks, as opposed to spo-radic cases, meat features in it," he said. "If the initial vehicle of infection was raw meat, it's possible that the abattoir would be the source."

But it can take two to three weeks for people to become ill from abattoir-infected meat - by which time no trace may remain at the source.

The Lanarkshire outbreak was the second worst case of E.coli poisoning in the world. An ontbreak in Canada killed 19 pensioners in a mursing home

Michael Forsyth Secretary of State for Scotland, showed his programme that he would have liked to have seen the report.

Professor High Pennington, every one, nothing else would who is working on a final report be done."



### Water alert leaves four in hospital

Four elderly people are being treated in hospital after drink-ing water contaminated with the microscopic parasite cryptosporidium, six days after warning notices were issued to nearly

a million people.

More than a hundred people are now suffering severe stom-ach sickness and diarrhoea, in one of the worst outbreaks of water-borne infection to hit the South-cast in the past five years. But sources investigating the crisis say they are now hoping a "plateau affect" will kick in and reduce the number of

cases, presently rising daily. French-owned Three Valleys Water issued a "boil water" warning to homes in west Hertfordshire, north-west London and Bedfordshire, after a number of people contracted crypcosporidiosis. The infection, which causes severe diarrhoea lasting up to three weeks, is potentially fatal for children and people with deficient immune

systems, such as the elderly. A spokesman for Bedfordshire Health Authority said: "We decided to hospitalise four elderly people hecause we are aware that the illness can cause severe distress and possible death, in the weak and frail,

in a stable condition and responding well to treatment. Cryptosporidium, which has

between a seven and 10-day incuhation period, causes 4,000 cases in Britain each year. Belonging to a group of proto-zoa, it occurs naturally in the dung of farm animals, which can he washed from agricultural land into nearby rivers.

It is normally spread through contaminated water or contact with an infected person, but un-pasteurised milk and offal also carry risks.

Frank Fitzpatrick. communication manager for Three Valleys, said: "We are leaving no stone unturned in order to find the origin of this problem, if in-deed it is related to the water

supply."
The company – which is currently spending £40,000 a day on increased sampling – is supply-ing local schools and hospitals with bottled water.

Independent inspectors from the Government Drinking Water are carrying a detailed investigation into the outhreak. If they decide the company

has been negligent in its treatment of the water supply then Three Valleys may face prosecution and the prospect of paying thousands of pounds in "However, I am pleased to compensation,

### Mystery stomach bug forces school to close

Sarah Onions

Public health officials were last night investigating an outbreak of a stomach illness which has affected nearly 60 young children and forced the temporary

closure of their school.

Parents of children at the St Mary's and St Peter's Church of England Junior School in Teddington, in south-west London, were told of the closure by telephone. Fifty eight children, almost a quarter of the school's ind stomach ache.

team at Richmond Borough ed had brought packed lunches.

Council has been carrying out tests at the school, along with the local public health department from the Kingston and Richmond Health Authority.

Dr Pauline Langridge said tests had been carried out by the Environmental Health officers on toilets and kitchens, which proved clear. She confirmed the Thames Water company had examined the water supply.

"The initial tests by Thames Water are fine, although they still have to complete some pupils, have suffered vomiting tests." said Dr Langridge. The doctor ruled out food poison-The Environmental Health ing, as half the children affect-

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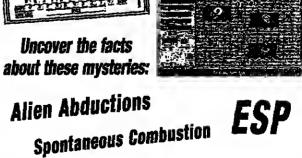
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# Martin Mursell: Inquiry said 'his treatment was very lacking ... They let him down'

A schizophrenic who killed his stepfather and left his mother for dead had been failed by care professionals in a "fundamental and depressing" way.
In one of the most damning

Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

reports ever into a care in the community killing, an inquiry team listed a catalogue of failures both on a human and organisational level which led to a near-double tragedy. Martin Mursell, cared for by

Camden and Islington Health Authority and Islington social services, attempted to kill his mother Mary Collins and fatally stabbed his stepfather, Joe Collins, in a frenzied attack. Mursell, 28, was jailed for life last year at the Old Bailey. He

is now in Rampton hospital in Nottinghamshire.

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Mary Collins: Her husband Joseph was killed by her son

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Mursell, a diagnosed para-noid schizophrenic with a his-tory of violence had been hospitalised six times but on the last time his discharge was woefully inadequate, the report said. He had referred him-self to the Whittington Hospital, north London, but after two weeks was told to leave because the doctors said they could not

see any psychotic symptoms.
While cared for in the community, housing, social services and health agencies "didn't seem to be talking to each other" said Mr Crawford. Mursell had difficulty getting accommodation, moving in between bed and breakfasts and his mother's home, and for long periods he did not even have an

allocated social worker. When he did have a social worker it was one who was not trained to deal with mental health. The inquiry was "struck by the inexperience" of staff and a supervisor said the case was too much for [her] to handle".

Mursell's mother, Mrs Collins, repeatedly asked for help but her comments "fell on deaf ears" and she was left bearing the brunt of the re-

led to a family tragedy quiries by both health and so cluded: "Despite Mrs Collins's cial services no disciplinary cry for help when she telephoned the duty social worker. very little notice was given to her

concerns."
"His treatment was very lacking "said Mr Crawford. "The failures were fundamental and depressing. It was in my view a failure by all the professionals involved with Martin Mursell.

They let him down." The chairwoman of Camden and Islington Health Authority, Sylvia Demman, said yesterday she had not ruled out the possibility of resigning but there had been a full-scale overhaul of care of the mentally

ill over the last two years. The social services staff who cared for Mussell had all left the borough as had most of the health team. No disciplinary action had been taken but both departments promised a review in the light of the report.

Mrs Collins said she was angry no one had been made responsible: "They say it's shortage of beds or underfunding which is true but I came across people who just didn't care ... I lost my husband and I lost my son. It is not enough to say that no one can be held responsible ... You can't make decisious and walk away from them and make people suffer."



### Machete man sent to secure mental hospital

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was found guilty of seven counts of attempted murder during a Teddy Bears' picinic at St Luke's School in Wolverhampton, last

Yesterday's proceedings fol-Court in December when the jury heard how Campbell, obsessed with Thomas Hamilton, the Dunblane mass killer, walked to the school near his home in the Villiers House tower block armed with a machete. His first victim was Wendy Willington, 29, then he struck out at two other mothers, Azra Rafiq and Surinder Chopra, also both 29. Finally he attacked Ahmed Malek, three, and

vear-old nursery nurse as she tried to protect the children. Mr Justice Sedley, after hearing a psychiatric report that Campbell was suffering from severe schizophrenia, said it was accepted his mental illness led to him carrying out "these

dreadful crimes". "In some ways it is a relief to know it was a profoundly sick and deluded individual who committed these offences. To believe such an act could be carried out by a sane person would shake belief in humanity."

The judge said anyone hearalise Campbell was "deranged". delusion that the children were talking about him as he passed

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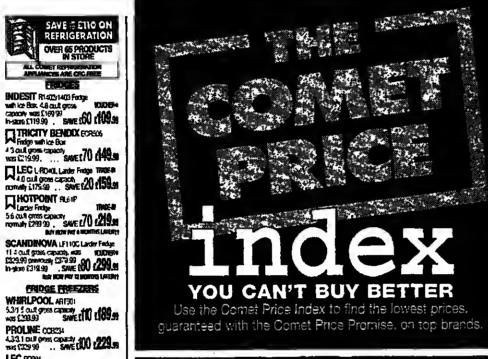
Psychiatrist Dr James Collins told the court that Campbell became increasingly isolated because of his mental illness and "m the end I think he felt he had lowed the trial at Stafford Crown to do something dramatic to make a statement about the way



he saw himself being treated for so long by local people". He said Campbell was a great danger to the public and may never recover from his illness.

The judge said that nursery nurse Lisa Potts, who suffered serious injury while trying to protect the children in her ing the proceedings would reery award for her actions. "It is The attack stemmed from his beyond doubt she deserves some public recognition."

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### The great partnership of Monet and money

It was the fridge magnets that did it for me. Of course you can get the Boats of Trainville on a Merchandise Spin-Offs the World. Holman Hunt's painting of Christ, it told visitors this was a religious household. computer mouse-mat. And the Bathers at Grenouillère on a minijigsaw. And the Water Lilies on everything: ceramic cufflinks, resin jewellery, and "styled cotton tops" at £40 a go. But you can get four Monet classics to add a bit of culture to the front of the Zanussi at just £10 for the set. Monet is back in town. Next Wednesday an exhibition of his work from 1864 to 1916 opens at the National Gallery in London. It will be a crowd-puller. The most famous of the French Impressionists always is. When the Royal Academy did its Monet in 1991 some ti50,000 people passed through the doors in 94 days. More recently, for the Monet blockbuster at the Chicago Art Institute the punters began queuing at 4am. And when they got inside to marvel at the echnique of the artist whose ambition was to paint "the envelope of air" around his subjects they found that there was

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than the art itself. Paul Vailely reports not enough of the stuff inside the gallery - people began collapsing because they could not breathe. Monet is without a doubt the world's most popular painter. But why? "He appeals on many levels: they are pretty pictures with gorgeous, sumptuous colours and yet with a technique which is quite challenging," Sarah Greenberg, deputy editor of the Art Newspaper, said. "He is exciting but also quite reassuring." He also reminds us of holidays in France, which is perhaps why artists

Gilbert and George described him as "very nice middle-class art". But there may be something else. The level of merchandising is significant, the art critic lain Gale says. Art which finds its way into people's homes has an iconic significance. "Most Victorian homes had a print of The Light of

Today they have a Monet. It rells people you have the same taste as people who can pay millions for the most expensive paintings in the world." This Monet is the root of all consumerist evil. Ninety per cent of people look at him on a very banal level. But art is not about prettiness, it's about the human condition, it's about pain and death."
Today, merchandising perhaps speaks most directly to that condition. The laminated Beach at Trouville placemats confirm us as people of good taste. The top prices which museum shops charge reinforce our sense of moral and aesthetic superiority. The National Gallery's exhibition, being sponsored by Merrill Lynch, makes no admission charge. But then seeing the paintings may not be as important as buying the Tshirt. The Monet's free but the kicks you have to pay for. Would you want it any other way?

# **Teacher** jailed for 20 years of abuse

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But the jury of eight woman would not be believed." and four men at Chester Crown Court found him guilty of 15 of this way in three separate esthe charges - 11 of buggery and four of indecent assault.

Laverack stood with his head bowed in the dock as the judge passed sentence, many of his victims listening behind him in the

packed public gallery.
The judge told him: "None of those young children you bug-gered consented to what happened to them. They were raped, many of them, by you with violence and force."

He said there was little else they could do, and they were humiliated by what happened to them. They had to live with it for years, locking it away, trying not to think of the appalling things you did to them.
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the ordeal of having to recall what happened to them and suffer what many of them regard as public humiliation by having to go through the whole thing in public in giving evidence.

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A senior social services manager was yesterday jailed for 18 years after being convicted of 15 sexual assaults against children in care.

"You took advantage of damaged children to satisfy what can only be described as your pervented lusts, when you knew that what these children wanted was

children did complain they

Laverack had behaved in tablishments, abusing both boys and girls, the judge said.

"It is worthy of note that your career of paedophilia started the moment you became a master, the first permanent appointment you had at Greystone Heath [approved school in War-rington, Cheshire] at the age of 21 or 22 and behaved that way until 1987 or thereabouts - a period in excess of 20 years."

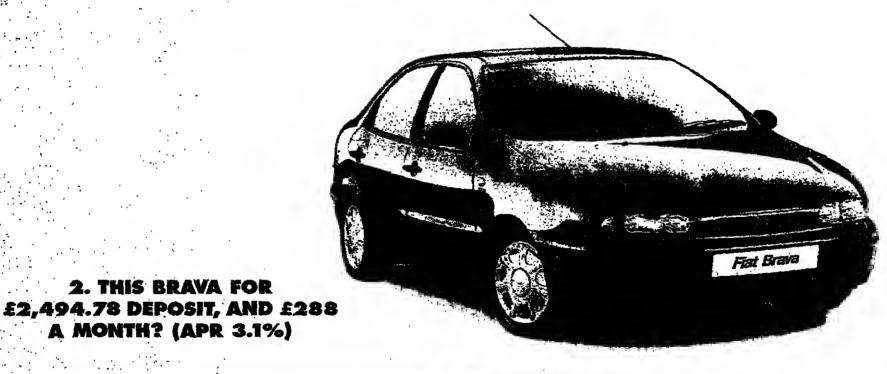
The judge said there had to be a deterrent element so that all who had charge of the very young, and particularly the vulnerable would understand that such behaviour would not be tolerated.

The judge said there had been three distinct periods of abuse at the three different children's homes and there had to be consecutive jail sentences of six years on the buggery charges relating to each home.

As the judge ordered Laverack to be taken down to the cells to begin his sentence there was spontaneous applause from his watching victims.

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**Paul Vallely** 

Modern society has become "morally desensused" and a ill-equipped to handle the ethical es thrown up by the cloning of Dolly the sheep, Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of the Catholic Church in England,

said yesterday. The Archbishop of Westminster was speaking a day after the scientist who cloned a sheep told a House of Commons select committee it would be possible to clone a human

being in "one or two years".

"We must act with extreme caution, for bringing new life. into the world is the nearest human beings come to creation," the Cardinal said, in an address to governors of independent schools in London yesterday: "We tread on boly ground."
The great tragedy of modern

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problems of our age, namely the implications of the breathtaking developments in genetics

and bio-technology," he said. He spoke with alarm of an eminent scientist who had imagined "apparently with complete equanimity" a future in which children were the product of three different sets of parents: biological parents, gestational parents and a third set who were bringing them up.
"If we separate these three

relationships, then we in some way undermine something which is specifically human." There were undoubted po-

tennial benefits in gene therapy, he said, but added: "I do fear for the future if the language of bodily human love is gradually replaced by an artificial process if pro-creation becomes pro duction, or even reproduction, and if the individual human progress has failed to satisfyel- being becomes valued as a product to be ordered rather

Contemporary society badly needs to recover a deeper knowledge of what is means to be human, he said.

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# Judges declare court fee hike a bar to justice

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

Access to the courts is a constitutional right which cannot be overridden by the government without the clearest possible sanction by Parliament, two judges declared yesterday in a crushing judgment against the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern.

The ruling - in the first ever contested judicial review to succeed against a Lord Chancellor - declared illegal part of swingeing increases in court 'entrance" fees. The decision leaves in disarray the new regulations introduced in January by Lord Mackay.

Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Laws upheld a test complaint by John Witham, a former businessman dependent on benefit, that the Lord Chancellor had acted beyond his powers by abolishing an exemption from fees for people oo income support and the right of others on low in-

comes to apply for reductions. Mr Witham, 50, from Essex, could not afford the new £500 fee to issue a High Court writ to bring an action for libel against an insurance company, but he got legal aid to pursue

the judicial review. The judgment is as much an indictment of the Treasury as of for the Legal Action Group, the Lord Chancellor. The new regulations raised the High Court fee from £120 and introduced rises of between 50 and 150 per cent in other civil

The 200-year-old map of Elgg whose ownership is disputed

Islanders' fear as

mystery buyer

enters Eigg race

case came to court last month Mr Maruma did not turn up and

Mr Schellenberg was able to lay The map is now in the hands

of Eigg's special police consta-hle, Colin Carr. Chief Inspec-tor John McFadzean, of Fort

William police, said the court

had ordered the map to be

handed over to Mr Schellenberg

as the legal owner. We are try-ing to comply with that order

mg to comply with that order but we are having certain logistical problems," he said. Maggie Fyffe, sccretary of the Isle of Eigg. Heritage Trust, which is trying to buy the island in partnership with the High-land Council and Scottish

Wildlife Trust, said the map

"It would be blatant asset

stripping of the worst kind if something as important as the map, which is part of Eigg's her-itage leaves the island," she said.

"The island has changed hands

many times in the two centuries which have intervened but not

one owner has tried to take it with them so what gives Keith Schellenberg the right? But even if they manage to

fight off Mr Schellenberg the is-

landers are worried about the island passing into the hands of another wealthy but absent landowner. The mystery buyer

is remoured to be a semi-remed

His son, Stephen, said he could not confirm whether his father had put in a bid. "I know

life very much to himself ..."

belonged on the island.

Kate Watson-Smyth

The long-running battle for own-uship of the Isle of Eigg took an-

other turn yesterday as residents,

who want to buy the tiny island, discovered they are facing competition from a rival bidder.

News of the mystery buyer

came as islanders fought to

stave off an attempt by a pre-

vious owner to remove a 200year-old map from the island.

It is the second time they

have tried to buy the Scottish island which has been up for sale since last summer. Their first bid in November was

rejected but they have since "sig-

nificantly increased" their first

The island, which has only 63

inhabitants, was put on the market last summer by the Ger-

man artist Marlin Eckhard

Maruma, for £2m. He bought it in 1995 from Keith Schellen-

berg, a Yorkshire businessman.

Schelleoberg left the island more than two years ago residents are still fighting to stop him removing a priceless map of the island which has been there for the land which has been there for the land which has been there for the land th

there for 200 years. He tried to take the map with him when he left, but furious islanders bar-

ricaded the craft shop where the map was awaiting transportation

to the mainland, and "incan-

Despite the fact that Mr

offer of £1.4m.

courts self-financing. Lord Mackay made the new rules under section 130 of the 1981 Supreme Court Act, but Mr Justice Laws said the effect was to "bar absolutely" many people from seeking justice from the courts in a wide-ranging variety of situations, including debt

and housing cases.
"Access to the courts is a constitutional right," he said. "It can only be denied by the government if it persuades Parliaspecifically - in effect by express provision - permits the executive to turn people away from the courts.

Leave to appeal was refused. which means Lord Mackay would have to apply to the Court of Appeal if he wants to contest the decision. Unless be does so successfully, the ruling has the effect of reinstating the protections for people on

Mr Witham said: "Thank God we live in this country and are subject to the laws of this country.

The ruling was hailed by legal rights groups and the Law Society, who called on Lord Mackay to bring back the exemptions in the county as well as the higher courts.

Vicki Chapman, policy officer which supplied evidence on hardship cases to the judges, said: "This judgment is a devastating blow to the Lord Chancellor. Justice which is available only to those who can afford substan

Geoffrey Bindman, of Bindin the case, said: "The judges are saying that where the government tries to take away basic rights, they will intervene."

Mr Justice Laws - the government's chief counsel before his appointment to the High Court bench - has already made clear extra-judicially his belief that some rights are fundamental, even under the UK's unwritteo constitution.

After posing the question "do we have coostitutional rights at all?" in yesterday's judgment he said: "The right to a fair trial, which of necessity imports the right of access to the court, is as oear to an absolute right as any I can envisage."

Lord Justice Rose said there was oothing to suggest Parlia-meot ever intended "a power for the Lord Chancellor to prescribe fees so as totally to preclude the poor from access to



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### Lib Democrats in push to win women's vote

Political Correspondent

The Liberal Democrats will become the latest political party to make a concerted push for the women's vote today.

Their spring conference co-incides with International Women's Day and they will seize on this fact to highlight pro-women policies on health and education.

Shirley Williams, the party's most well-known female politi-cian, will use this weekend's gathering in Cardiff as a launchpad for a high-profile election effort which will aim to win over female voters. Baroness Williams is expected to appear frequently for the party during the campaign, taking a major national role and making a

number of media appearances. Diana Maddock, who speaks for the parliamentary party on women's issues, claimed at a rally last night that it could make the face of Westminster more women-friendly.

women MPs," she said. The Lib-dental and eye checks, set up a eral Democrats would be "more national inspectorate to monigeared towards co-operation in finding solutions to the key issues than confrontation.

In a debate on health roday. the party's health spokesman. Simon Hughes, will claim it is committed to promoting equal treatment of the sexes within the health service, which is primarily used by women.
The Liberal Democrats

would require hospitals to pub-lish details of diagnoses and treatments by gender so that dis-crepancies can be identified and tackled, he will say.

In addition, the party would ask GPs surgeries and other health facilities to operate flex-ible opening hours so that they would be more accessible to women, and would set targets to make it easier for women to

consult female doctors and other health professionals.

Mr Hughes will also spell out a six-point "challenge" to the other parties on health, asking them to halt closures, invest in "It is time we stopped having more MPs called John than for waiting lists, restore free

for care and end the two-tier

The party will also use its weekend conference to highlight its policies on women and

service with the private sector.

It would bring in tougher obligations on employers to es-tablish equal opportunities pro-cedures and would introduce equal treatment legislation which would increase responsibilities on recruitment, pay and promotion.

Lord Home, chairman of the party's general election campaign, also used last night's rally to attack both the Con-servatives and Labour.

"I woke up in the middle of last night with a frightening thought. What if cloning humans was not two years away? What if it was already here? What if Michael Howard had been cloned as Jack Straw and Kenneth Clarke as Gordon

"I can hear Labour's campaign song now. It's Hello Dol-ly," he said. while the party's leader looks to the future for his support

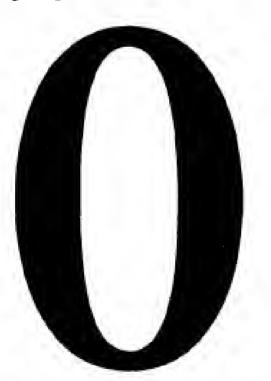


Political lesson: The Liberal Democrat's leader Paddy Ashdown with pupils at Treformen primary school in Llandrindod Wells yesterday on the eve of the party's spring conference in Cardiff

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# Blair will not take victory for granted

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, hard work in serving our counvesterday described himself as "the eternal warrior against complacency" and warned that even if Labour won the general election there would be "no victory dances".

In a firm slap-down to MPs such as Robin Cook, the party's foreign affairs spokesman, who earlier this week predicted a "landslide" victory for Labour at the general election, Mr Blair said he was taking nothing for granted.
Mr Blair told Labour's Scot-

that last week's by-election in Wirral South was a historic win

for Labour. But he stressed: "A by-election is still a by-election. A general election is still to come, and there is only one opinion poll that matters and that is the one

on election day. "I am and remain the eternal warrior against complacency. We are doing well hut we take nothing for granted," he said.

Mr Blair's words will also be seen as a warning for his party not to get carried away by opinion polls such as the Gallup Poll yesterday in the Daily Telegraph which put the Tories an unprecedented 26 points behind Labour with less than two months to go to

polling day.

Mr Blair said: "From now until the day of decision comes, we carry on as we have been doing, patiently, sensibly, huilding up trust with the British people with

responsibility and humility. Even if we win, there will be no victory dances. For then, the

try begins in earnest."

Addressing Labour's last major political event in Scotland before the election, Mr Blair re-newed his pledge that if his party won the general election a Labour government would legislate in its first year for a Scottish Parliament

"We will hold a referendum as soon as possible after coming to office. I will be here campaigning for a 'yes' vote in that referendum. There will be two questions. I will be campaigning

Labour plans to ask the Scottish people two questions in a plebiscite - first whether they want a Scottish Parliament and second whether it should have tax-raising powers.

Earlier yesterday Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader renewed his call for such a referendum to include his favoured option of full-blown independence

· But Mr Blair rounded on the SNP, accusing them of sitting on the fence for failing to say whether they would support a yes' campaign

Mr Blair also announced plans to free up an extra £30m for patient care in Scotland. He said George Robertson, Labour's spokesman on Scottish affairs, had come up with a plan

to cut the number of NHS trusts in Scotland from 45 to 25. "With our other savings it will mean £30m more for patient

care in Scotland," he said. Mr Blair also renewed his pledge to end the "scandal" of

### Labour backers target phone-ins

Kate Watson-Smyth

Members of a Labour Party support group are targeting television and radio phone-in radio programmes including Ramanara and radio programmes and radio programmes and radio programme and programmes in a concerted effort to marshal support in the run-up to the election.

The Independent has obtained a copy of a memo listing all the programmes which members of the Labour Industry Finance Group have been asked to call to back the party's manifesto publicly.

However, the memo urges them not to appear "too partisan" when making their calls. The key to success with all

phone-in and audience particpation programmes is gel questions in early, and don't appear too partisan when speaking to

the producer," il says.
Under the rallying cry "A Campaigning Election Call the memo urges supporters to air their views on as many programmes as possible. "We are uniquely placed as party members in business to grasp the opportunity, rather than leave the Tories and others to make a business case for the return of their chosen party," it says. "Below is a list of national programming

They are asked to ring BBC1's Question Time programme and radio programmes including Ra-dio 4's Feedback and Any Answers programme and Channel

4's Right to Reply. At the end of the memo is a list of numbers to call in case of a complaint about a programme "hecause you thought it was unbalanced, hiased or inaccu-rate, or missed the point".

The support group is made up of husinessmen and authors who have a special interest in transport. No one was available for comment vesterday. But a spokesman for Gordon Brown's office said the group "supports Labour and comes up with initiatives".

The latest "initiative" did not seem to concern the Labour Party greatly. "It's nothing to do with us," said a spokesman.

A spokesman for Radio 4 said that all callers are asked if they have any political affiliations or interests when they ring in. "We try to avoid having a constant stream of lobbyists phoning in and on the whole they are an honest bunch, but we do try to weed them out as

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### international

# Looted arms fortify rebels' fighting spirit

It might be art, a monumental modern metal sculpture, but is the handiwork of the unknown agents who torched an armoury containing at least half a dozen anti-aircraft guns and hundreds of army helmets. The skeletal barrels of the anti-aircraft guns point up through what was the roof as smoke eddies from timbers still burning in the military

barracks in Vlora. People living near the com-plex, which was trashed by leaders of the revolt in southern Albania, are said to have moved out for the moment; the hailding next door is filled with tons of ammunition. Green boxes are piled up to the ceiling, and the floor is littered with hand grenades, mortar bombs, and artillery and tank shells.

We scurry back shricking "No!" as our guide picks up a rocket-propelled grenade and waves it around proudly.

Another room is filled with anti-tank mines, while the debris outside includes ammunition belts, training rifles and gas masks. A captain in the Albanian army surveys the scene and removes the RPG from our

### Berisha faces new demands

Tirana (AP) - Armed protesters halding several southern towns and npposition politicians in Tirana both issued new demands a day after an agreement in which President Sali Berisha agreed to a 48-hour halt in offensive military operations.

European diplomats who met Mr Berisha said he refused to consider elections any time soon, nr allowing Socialists - the former communists - into the govern-

deputy chief of the Council of Europe, from The Netherlands, said of a meeting with Berisba; "Firstly, he waderlined the necessity to continue political dialogue. Secondly, he wants to use only peaceful means. A coaliting with the Socialist Party is not accepted, and, in the short term, there's no room for new elections."

about 50 of the 200 soldiers is clearly unhappy at the stationed here have abandoned the government in favour of the

ning positions in the south. The soldiers are badly paid.

Many lost money in the pyra-mid investment schemes which

own countrymen. Second, the

"rebels" in the south are well-

from looted barracks) and ex-

tremely determined. Third, bow

to impose order by force - is the

army supposed to shell Vlora,

or Saranda, for example? Mr Berisha has lost control

of about 10 per cent of Albania

already. Along at least two

which is not a good omen for Mr

One is Major Dalip Done. "We are not against the people, we are against the government," he says, making no men-tion of President Sali Berisha's would relish a fight with their offer of an armesty to those who lay down their weapons. "Everyone here has arms, and we are armed (with hardware stolen all ready to fight." armed lotted barracks) and ex-

The people of Vlora, along with their compatriots in a large chunk of southern Albania, were first roused to anger when the pyramid schemes run by allies of President Berisha collarsed, swallowing their lifesavings. They wanted their roads, government forces have money back but Mr Berisha or pulled back since Thursday. dered the police to crack down on the anti-pyramid protests, which fired the crowds' anger.

Yesterday, protesters in Vlora organised the printing of leaflets in Albanian and English which they thrust on the foreign press and which seemed to be the closest thing to an official

"Berisha go away! You are crazy. People will win against you. You can't kill the heroic people of Vlora. We want new elections," the leaflets read, But it is by no means certain that a political solution, other than the resignation of Mr Berisha. will enable Tirana to restore order, "In Vlora, people are fighting the government, but not because they want to make a government," said Geni, a young man passing an anti-Berisha rally in Vlora.

The protests do not seem to have thrown up any political leaders and the doings of the opposition leaders in Tirana do not seem to weigh heavily on the people of the rebellious coast. It is difficult to see Mr Berisha resolving the simution by talk-

ing or by shooting.

The problem would be finding any "rebels" to negotiate with. There are no organised structures. "In Vlora there are two factors: the criminals and the average people. The crim-inals are doing the looting and the average people don't like that. But when it comes to the police and the authorities, they are united," said an outsider who has lived in the town for years. They all hate Mr Berisha.

The military prospects are worse, even without the international opprobrium an assault



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Arms and the boy: A schoolboy armed with a rifle standing guard between local officials and anti-government demonstrators yesterday in the southern port of Sarande, where thousands of people have risen up against Sali Berisha and seized an array of weapons

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### Belgrade students force rector to quit

Tony Barber Europe Editor

Serbian students celebrated victory yesterday after the diehard pro-government rector of Bel-grade University resigned in response to more than 100 days of student boycotts and street protests. Dragutin Velickovic, who was appointed by the Socialist government of President Slobodan Milosevic, announced his resignation as part of a deal under which the students agreed to return to their classes.

It was the Socialist authorities' second major concession to their political opponents this year. Last month, after weeks of daily pro-democracy demonstrations across Serbia, Mr Mikosevic finally recognised op-position victories in last November's municipal elections in Belgrade and other cities.

For the students, the resignation of their despised rector was so important a demand that they continued their protests even after the authorities acknowledged the opposition election successes. Mr Velickovic resisted almost to the end, vowing last Tuesday that he



profile during campaign

would seek the dismissal of all the university deans who had supported the students' call for his removal.

It is possible that there is more to the rector's resignation than meets the eye. His departure from office must be approved on 20 March by the Belgrade University council, but that body is packed with pro-Socialist stalwarts.

In the weeks leading up to his resignation, Mr Velickovic was the hutt of several student stunts designed to ridicule him in the public eye. Playing on the fact that he was generally keeping a low profile, students went looking for him in Belgrade zoo, peered through telescopes in the city's observatory in case he was in outer space, and fished for him in the Sava river using

a red Socialist Party card as bail. Despite their concessions over the election results and the rector, the ruling Socialists have continued to harry the opposition on other fronts. Last Thursday the pro-Milosevic state television and radio network said it would stop helping an in-dependent station, BK Television, to broadcast programmes outside Belgrade.

BK is owned by one of Mr Milosevic's political critics and has reported extensively on the anti-government protests of recent months. By limiting its broadcasts to Belgrade, Mr Milosevic seems intent on preenting the opposition's views from attracting an nudience in rural areas of Serbia where he still retains public support.

The opposition coalition movement, Zajedno (logether), said it would hold a rally tomorrow (Sunday) and dedicate Dragutin Vetilovic: Kept a low. it to the struggle for media freedom in Serbia.



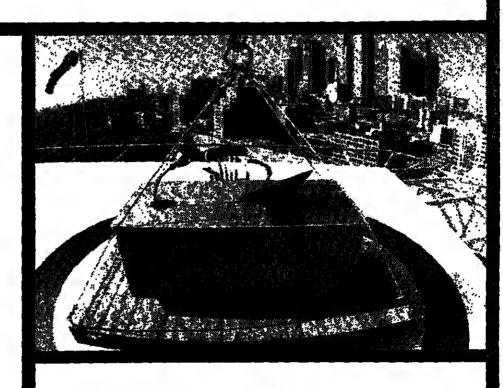
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# Har Homa lays foundations for new violence

Patrick Cockburn Har Homa

-1 own land near here and f think that if the Israelis build a settlement at Har Homa they will confiscate it as well," said Emily Richmawi, an elderly Palestinian woman, as she clutched her banner during a demonstration below the pinecovered hill in south Jerusalem where Israel plans to build a set-tlement for 20,000 Jews.

Israeli riflemen in purple bercts lay spreadeagled on the rocks overlooking the road down which 1,000 Palestinians were trying to reach Har Homa. Mrs Richmawi explained that her life had got worse since the Oslo agreement was signed. Not only had confiscations continued, but "we even need a per-

mit to get into Jerusalem".

Despite Palestinian anger over Har Homa, known to Palestinians as Jahal Abu Ghncim. Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, was clearly eager sterday to avoid violence. Middle-aged men in green and white baseball caps, members of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service, mingled with

hody who looked like a potential stone-thrower.

There may not be many more eaccful demonstrations at Har Homa, "People don't think they can stop the settlement being built." said Osama Zarour, a Canadian Palestinian, as be watched the rally with his twoand-a-half year old daughter, Yasmin, perched on his shoulders. "But once the buildazers start moving there will be trouble. We have to do something. Getting publicity isn't enough

he moment, publicity is what Mr Arafat is after. Beniamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, has lost much of the international credibility he gained after he agreed to a paroal Israeli withdrawal from Hebron in January. The Palestinian leader received a notably sympathetic reception during

his four-day visit to the US. Har Homa is overshadowing the decision by the Israeli caba further 9 per cent of the West Bank, Agreement was reached after a prolonged session in the early hours of vesterday morning by a vote of 10 to sevtant change is that 7 per cent of so-called area "B", where Israel has security control, but Palestinians have civilian authority tinians have total control. There will be two more withdrawals by the middle of next year.

The West Bank will remain a jigsaw puzzle with Palestinians in control of the towns, but not of their hinterland. Israeli troops will leave villages like Halhoul with a population of 25,000 north of Hehron. But the areas of Palestinian control remain cantons which Israeli forces can easily isolate. More than a million West Bank Palestinians cannot visit their main population and commercial centre which is East Jerusalem. In persuading the cabinet to

support him yesterday Mr Ne-tanyahu is reported to have said: The Americans are pressuring me. We have no choice." As a result, part of the extreme right opposed to Oslo blames the US for what it sees as a retreat from the dream of the Land of Israel stretching from the Mediterranean to the Jordan. A sign of this anger was a fierce clash this

for public relations stunts." In

this case, one of the offices to

week between Martin Indvk, the US ambassador, who is Jewish, and Rehavam Zaevi, a member of the Knesset and leader of the far-right party Moledet.

The argument began when Mr Zaevi called Mr Indyk "a kike" (Canadian slang for a Jew) two weeks ago. Mr Indyk complained and at a ceremony this week went up to Mr Zaevi

and said: "The last time somebody called me a kike was when I was a 15-year-old and I punched him in the face." To this Let's see you. You're a kike." Mr Indyk said: "You're a disgrace to your people." Mr Zaevi said:

You're a son of a bitch." The US is annoyed with Mr

and his announcement that Palestinian Authority - the Is-lamic Committee for the Strugfour Palestinian offices are to be gle Against Settlements - turns Barnea, the Israeli columnist, says the US views the closure of the offices as "proof of Ne-tanyahu's chronic weakness - to stray from essential matters and consummate his addiction

ing cabinet. The committee has not met for eight mooths. Mr Netanyahu says if he is

squeezed too hard by the right he will form a National Unity and still led by Shimon Peres, degovernment with Labour. This feated Mr Netanyahu last year.

be closed as part of Mr Arafat's could happen. The Prime Minister does not have to stand for out not to be an office but a fil- An opinioo poll shows that at present he would get 21 per cent of the vote if he stood against the most likely candidates. But

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### Accidental killer is latest Chinese hero

Teresa Poole Peking

For more than three decades, every Chinese schoolchild has been brought up to "Learn from Lei Feng", the young soldier whose overwhelming desire to be "a rustless screw in the machine of the revolution" was cru-But it is only this week that generations have discovered the unlikely details of his death - as featured in the first blockbuster propaganda film to hit China in the post-Deng era, The Days Af-

ter l Left Lei Feng'.
A snappier title would have been, How I Accidentally Killed China's Greatest Model Worker. But this is not a film which has to worry about box-office sales. Since its release last week, the edict has gone out from the central government to "organise youngsters and adolesceots in primary and middle schools, coleges, eoterprises, government offices and army units to watch the film". Discussion groups and essays will "help the youth understand the importance of advocating Lei Feng's spirit under new historical conditions"

Until now, the official version of Soldier Lei's demise was a vague description about how a telegraph pole fell on his head. The new version is even sillier. A summary of the early plot might go as follows: the hapless Qiao Anshan, a soldier colleague of our model hero, shows considerable tolerance for Mr Lei's attempts to make him give up smoking, even when he forces him to drive a truck over his last cigarettes. Mr Lei then gives Mr Qiao some sweet pota-

to chips as a nicotine substitute. Back at camp, the two men decide to service the truck themselves, to save money for the revolution. For this, Mr Qiao must drive the truck down a narrow pathway, past some rather puny looking wooden poles. Mr Qiao

is by this point clearly in the irritable state of a man who has st given up smoking. With Mr Lei oo the ground shouting instructions, Mr Qiao misjudges the width of the truck and manages to knock down one of the slim poles so precisely as to kill our hero with one bump to the head. Clearly an accident - or jus-

of view of any serious smoker. Anyway, some cynics doubt that Lei Feng ever existed be-fore his death in 1962. Others marvel at how the following year the army propaganda cadres "found" the Lei Feng diaries, which documented a life of self-sacrifice helping the poor.

But now it is the turn of Qiao Anshan, an unlikely hero for the propaganda machine. After escaping punishment for Mr Lei's accideotal death, Mr Qiao; 57, has devoted his life to living up to the Lei Feng model. But there are challenges for any Good Samaritan under the "new historical conditions" of modern, venal China, and this is where the film plot becomes much more plausible.

Mr Qiao is shown picking up a hit-and-run accident victim in the late Eighties. But the old man's relatives, in a ruse to avoid the high medical charges demanded by any state hospital, accuse Mr Qiao of having run their father down. A devastated Mr Qiao faces bankruptcy, until the police (improbably) track down the real driver.

When Mr Qiao's own truck later gets stuck solid in the mud, no one will help him. "Times have changed, you've got to offer them money," his son says. Mr Qiao rejects such an idea. And a group of middle-school

The question now is whether this Mr Qiao really exists - and how he feels about being named as the man who drove the truck that knocked down the pole that fell down and killed Lei Feng.

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# Culinary conversion on the road from Bolton

In my early days as a reporter, I won only one distinction: I held the record at the Bolton Evening News for the most rapid consumption of bacon, eggs and chips in the office canteen.

I have retained an attachment to food, good and plain, preferably in generous quantities. But, until this week, I never had much interest in, patience for, or willingness to invest in, haute

Three things happened in the past few days to modify that. One was the appearance of the 1997 Michelin Guide, which aroused my curiosity about the status of the leading French chefs, who are almost as fêted as movie stars. Another was the discovery, from another newspaper, of a French cut-price system for posh meals, modelled on the airline system of economy flights - a kind of culinary bucket shop. But my first gastronomic experience of the week was accidental.

After two months cooped in a Paris apartment, with occasional day trips for good be-haviour, the children had been demanding to go to the countryside. We were recommended a château in Burgundy, which offers cheap weekend breaks.

After two hours on the road, in a slow-moving Amazon of cars, we had reached Fontainebleau, 40 miles south of Paris. Two hours later we reached the Château de Chailly: a fairy-tale castle with pointed turrets and smartly converted

stables for guests.
Three things became clear. First, we were the only people staying in the château, or the château stables, that night. Secondly, the chateau restaurant, an ambitious, gastronomic establishment, had been kept open exclusively for us, and was about to close. Thirdly, the children, force-fed oo the road, had no intention of going to sleep.

The dinner-suited waiters looked crestfallen. Plainly they had hoped for grander visitors. But Gallic pragmatism and rural French friendliness triumphed. Room service was not normally provided but, since we were the only guests, they would bring the restaurant to us. We could hear the trolley bumping over the ancient cobbles of the chateau courtyard for several minutes before the food arrived. a maximum of £55 a head.

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John Lichfield loses his soul and stomach to haute cuisine in a child-infested château chambre

was meant to be eaten slowly by candle light with great concen-

tration, as if listening to music.
When the 1997 Michelin
Guide emerged on Monday. our château was mentioned only as a hotel, not as a restau-rant. This implies that there are 4.000 better restauraots in France, which must be an injustice. But what would I know, with my taste buds ruined years ago by steaming mounds of bacon, eggs and chips?

Having caught the bug, I decided to try out the service provided by Degriftour, a French economy-travel company, which offers a kind of Super Apex service of cut-price haute cuisine. With the economic crisis in France thinning their clientele, a score of top French restaurants joined the scheme two mooths ago. You can book only through Minitel, the on-line booking and informatioo service operated by France Telecom. All the restaurants available have at least one star in the Michelin Guide. To eat at such a restaurant usually costs between 1,000 and 1,500 francs (£110 to £170) a head for a full a la carte dinner with wine. Degriftour offers the same

With Clare screaming that her bedclothes were an inch too far 25, a Michelin one-star restanrant, where we had six courses ing a German version of Noel's for slightly less than £50 a head. House Party on TV, we ate an ex- Six courses sounds greedy but traordinarily beautiful meal: a they were small, delicate cours-



in our child-infested bedroom at the unstarred château.

Food is such an elemental human need that the whole concept of an élite cuisine at refined prices is bound to raise moral

problems: how can you justify paying £170 a head for a meal when the same amount might feed a family for a month? In response, functional arguments are deployed: that by striving for

the best, the elite chefs keep up standards; that the best chefs are consulted by mass-food producers on how to improve their lines. But the justification for luute cuisine has to be something

more amorphously cultural. The pleasure of going to a place like Montparnasse 25 is an artistic pleasure. Like the highest art of any kind - great acting, great painting, great writing - the

pleasure of great cuisine is the pleasure of performance; witnessing something simple pushed to an evidently higher level, while maintaining, at its best, a kind of simplicity.

The concept of cooking as an art is a French invention and, like many things French at present, feels itself under threat from modernity. Le Monde this week hemoaned the fact that "social pennry was threatening French cuisine. Substitute technologies, the handisation of tastes, the changing behaviour patterns of the clientele," said the newspaper's food writer, Jean-Claude Ribaut, favour the invasion of

foreign approaches'.
For which read McDonald's which opened 100 restaurants in France last year, while a threestar restaurant went bankrupt for the first time and several one-star establishments closed. "Good food is the identity of a civilisation," Mr Ribaut asserted. The Michelin Guide was trying to force back the hordes of barbary. he said, but could, in the end, do no more than "uphold the mem-

ory of a golden age.

I think that maybe lean-Claude protests too much: with \$1 starred restaurants operat-ing in Paris alone, the hurger-barbarians have not yet laid France waste. I defv him to name anywhere in all 20 arrondissements, or all 96 departements, where you can get bacon, egg and chips.

### ple, in the way that strings of to my corrupted taste no more pearls are simple: a meal that magnificent than those we ate Black widow gets life term

Elizabeth Fullerton Reuter

Vienna — An Austrian court yesterday sentenced the "Black Widow" Elfriede Blauensteiner to life imprisonment for the murder of a pensioner in one of the most ootorious trials in the country's history.

The court in Krems, 30 miles west of Vienna, found Blauensteiner, 66, guilty of poisoning Alois Pichler, 77, with fatal doses of medication. The jury reached its verdict at 3am after12 hours of deliberation. Blauensteiner, in a black suit

and cream blouse, remained composed, muttering and looking at her watch impatiently as the verdict was read out. Asked if she understood the sentence she said with defiance: "I understand perfectly".

The jury said Blauensteiner's

"pure greed" justified the heavy sentence, noting her "malicious actions did not give the victim any chance to defend himself Blauensteiner's former lawyer, Harald Schmidt, was sentenced to seven years in jail



for being an accomplice to grievons bodily harm and falsifying Pichler's will. The two have

said they may appeal the verdict. Although Blauensteiner was charged with only one murder, police are investigating other deaths. Blauensteiner is accused of placing advertisements in newspapers to meet rich, elderly men, poisoning her victims and then gambling away the money she was left in their wills.

Blanensteiner said she enjoyed nursing pensioners and it was a coincidence that some of her patients had died.

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### America's welfare revolution leaves an army of single mothers confused

At Joy House, a Christian shelter for homeless women in downtown Milwaukee, Miliasia Gates, 28, is struggling to cope. Her one-year-old, Brandy, has hurled her bottle on the floor again and four-year-old Doris is starting to act up. Miliasia dispenses some instant discipline. She squirts a jet of milk formula into Doris's startled face before roughly thrusting the bottle back into the haby's grip.

"They shouldn't be going through this." Ms Gates sighs. Somewhere in the shelter's day area, amongst the sagging fur-niture and plastic hags hulging with personal belongings of dozens of families, hides her third and eldest child: "I wish I'd known it was going to be like this before I had all these kids".

Less than a mile away, in the city's new YWCA, Fanesa Davis is enjoying a rare moment of calm in the hasement computer laboratory. While her children play in the gleaming nursery a few steps down the corridor, Fanesa, 31, is scrolling through software on qualifying

to become a plumber. Neither woman - one desperate, the other full of hope could have imagined even a few months ago that on this March morning these would be their circumstances. Black and husbandless, both belong to the huge class of American single

€ Instead of helping you off welfare, they cut the money so much that you can't survive 9

mothers long sustained by a a six-decade-old programme known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children. AFDC. But that is all changing.

AFDC, for years the largest

component of America's welfare system, is headed for extinction. Last August, President Bill Clinton signed a welfare reform Bill that ends guaranteed aid for single mothers and requires states to begin attaching job conditions and time-limits to assistance. Every recipient will have to work within two years of signing; no one will get the benefits for more than five years in a lifetime.

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Radical reforms bring benefits but homelessness is soaring, writes **David Usborne** in Milwaukee

tions. Britain included, are eager to see the consequences, as they are also searching for ways to ease the welfare burden.

A view of the post-welfare picture is already emerging. Recent months have witnessed an astonishing decline in American welfare rotls. Caseloads across the country have plunged almost 18 per cent since 1994 The drop is explained partly by a strong economy and an unemployment rate of 5.4 per cent. Also at play, however, are reforms that many of the states had already started to implement before the change was endorsed by the President.

No state is further ahead than Wisconsin and no city more gripped by the changes than Milwaukee. A new welfare regime much lougher than that envisaged in Mr Clinton's Bill, will take effect in September. Called W-2, it will instantly

remove from the rolls all single mothers who fail to do some kind of work, whether full-time commercial employment, or jobs in sheltered state-run work-

A slightly less rigorous tran-sition scheme called Pay for Performance is already in place. which also demands something in return for benefits. If they do not work, welfare recipients must attend subsidised joh training courses or face deductions from their payments.

Wisconsin and its Republican Governor, Toramy Thompson, have been hailed for taming the welfare monster. Its "success" is posited on some extraordinary state statistics. In four years, drip-feed of federal dollars from AFDC rolls have been reduced by 41 per cent and they are still shrinking. The goal is to improve people's lives by ending their dependency on state assistance. But, with evidence of a rapid rise in the number of homeless in Milwaukec, is that happening? What is absent from the strategy is any attempt to track families once they

leave the rolls. Joy House has seen a 110per-cent increase in bed occupancy in 12 months. Miliasia Gates believes her case reveals the new system's cruelty. Her Fehruary assistance cheque was slashed from \$617 (£385) to It is a social experiment of \$212 (£132) as punishment, she monumental proportions that says, for missing one job-search has triggered anguish among class. Evicted from her apartsome liberals, who foresee ment, she had no choice but to thousands being tossed outo the come here. "I feel like that in-

rolls], they hinder you, by cutting the money so much that you can't survive", she says.

Fanesa Davis, by contrast, is an example of what it is meant to harmen. After six years On.

to happen. After six years on AFDC, she is dazzled by the possibilities opened up by her programme at the YWCA. "I have to be a role model to my kids," she says. "I don't want them looking at me and saying their mother's on welfare". One of a handful of non-prof-

it agencies contracted by the state to run job-training and jobsearch programmes, the YWCA is headed by Julie Tay-lor. "We know the opportuni-ties are out there for them," she many people feel they don't have any power themselves to make the changes in their lives."

that they can make the changes;

Study the reform laboratory that is Wisconsin and two encouraging factors become clear. Many of the keenest reform advocates, such as Ms Taylor, are

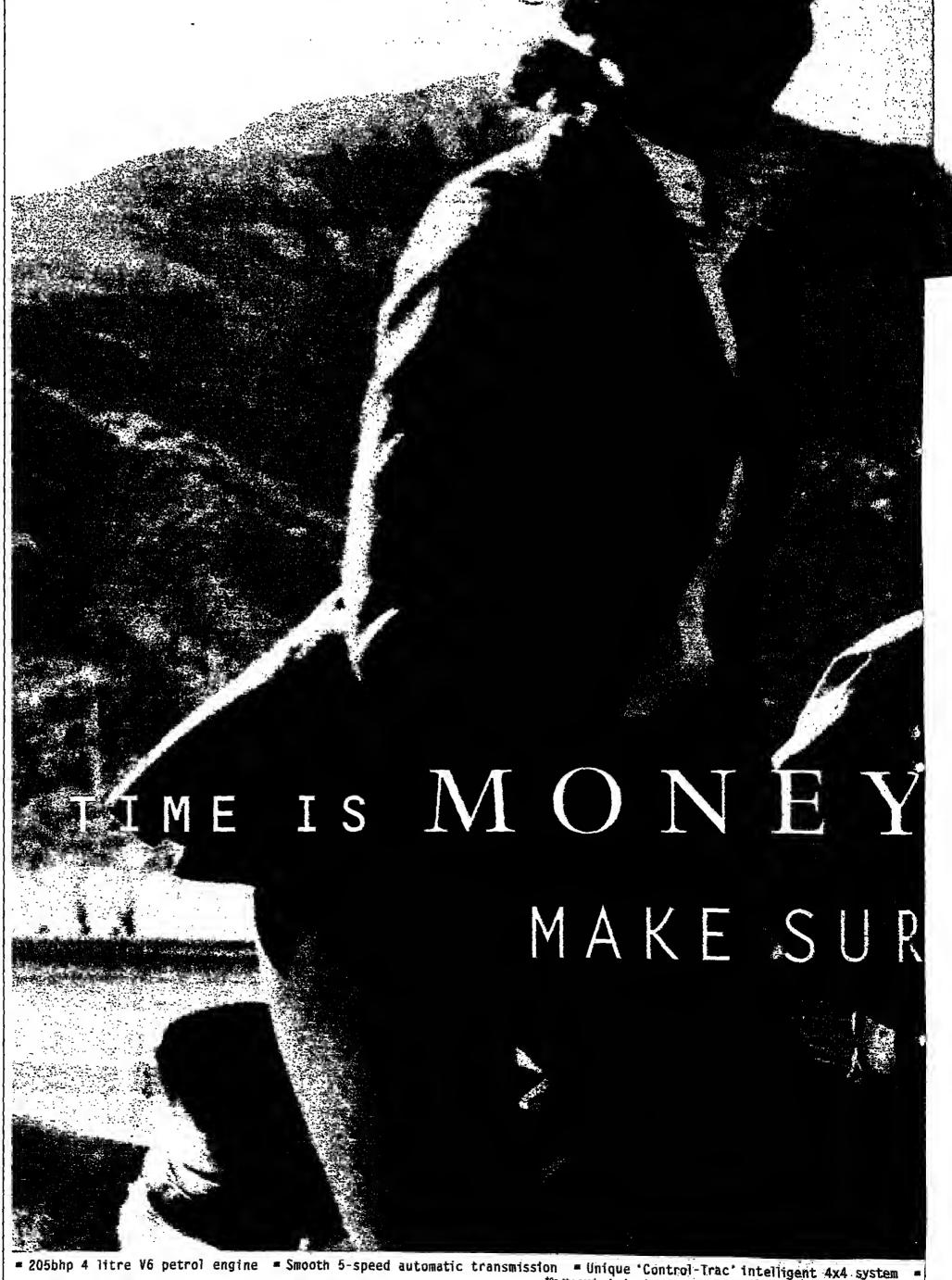
porting woman like Fanesa and Miliasia, not less. The additional Their motivation is a desire to improve lives, not save state money. Secondly, Wisconsin, in its efforts to smooth the transition, expects in the short term to spend more money on sup-

funding will broaden healthcare insurance, for instance, and childcare subsidies. The city's Democrat mayor,

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John Norquist, points on: "Going back to the old system of AFDC is not going to happen, because the electorate will no longer tolerate paying people

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# US diplomats jockey for plum London posting

Rupert Cornwell Washington

The New York financier and Democratic party eminence grise. Felix Rohatyn has joined the list to succeed William Crowe in the plum post of US nications Commission here. ambassador to London, when the former Joint Chiefs chairman steps down this autumn.

Hitherto Mr Rohatyn, managing director of Lazard Freres in New York, had been considered a leading candidate to take over the Paris embassy, vacant after the death tast month of Pamela Harriman. But he is now being canvassed for a post made especially sensitive by the near certainty of the first Labour government in two decades and the close US involvement in the search for a settlement in Northern Ireland.

mains Swanee Hunt, youngest daughter of the Texas oil tycoon. HL Hunt, and currently ambassador to Austria, Indeed, the 46-year-old Ms Hunt, a massive donor to President Clinton's third-ranking post at State. 1992 campaign, is said to have "measured the drapes" during a recent stop-over at Winfield House, the ambassador's residence in London.

Ms Hunt, whose personal worth has been put at up to \$500m (£300m), has been a dyclose to Madeleine Albright, the represent the US in its capital.

new Secretary of State. But some question whether she has sufficient experience for the London post. Another nondiplomat mentioned for the job is Reed Hundt, currently head of the Federal Commuand a friend of Mr Clinton from

their Yale Law School days. The London Ambassadorship is but one element in the traditional diplomatic reshuffle at the start of a new adminis-tration. John Kornblum, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian affairs in Mr Clinton's first term. is upped for Bonn, while Frank Wissner, US Ambassador to Delhi, heads the list for Paris, should Mr Rohatyn

go to London. James Collins, a former US deputy chief of mission in Moscow and currently the Stale The public front-runner re- Department's top specialist on countries of the former Soviet union is in line to return to Russia to succeed Thomas Pickering, who is returning as Undersecretary for Political Affairs, the

In Tokyo, outgoing Ambas-sador Walter Mondale may be followed by the Democratic House Speaker. Tom Foley. In the past, the notably Anglophile Mr Foley has been tipped for London. But he would satisfy Japan's traditional preference namic envoy in Vienna and is that a prestigious ex-politician

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Belgian streets echo with the anger of a nation bitter at guardians of justice



Industrial day of action shows solidarity with sacked Renault workers

Katherine Butler Vilvoorde, Belgium

A small group representing the 3,000 Renault workers whose jobs have just been axed emerged briefly yesterday from the giant car plant in Vilvoorde they have been occupying for a week now. They were taking flowers to the shrine at a Brussels petrol station where the body of a nine-year-old child was unearthed last Thursday morning.

The symbolic gesture linking the victims of the Renault crisis which has rocked Belgium and France, with the tragedy of Louboa Benaissa, the latest victim of Belgium's paedophilc nightmarc, was just one in an extraordinary day of solidarity which saw workers come out to sympathy throughout Belgium, but also in Frace and Spaio.

Several hundred marched on the French embassy in Brussels, throwing the chassis of a Renault Megane over the gates, a protest at the failure of the French state which is part nwner of Renault in prevent the closure, de-nnunced by the Catholic Church in France yesterday as immoral. One-hour strikes were staged at Volvo, Volkswagen and Ford plants. Even showroom dealers closed their doors in h a pledge not to sell a single Re-

nault car in Belgium yesterday. Meanwhile, the family of Loubna Benaissa appealed for calm after angry protests and riots in the Ixelles district of Brussels amid mounting suspicions that Patrick Derochette, the convicted child abuser who has been charged with her murder, may have enjoyed police protection.

Events which are in substance unrelated appeared to come together vesterday, igniting a fresh wave of emotion in a country where public confidence in the political and judicial establishment could hardly be more fragile. The case of Loubna Benaissa is unconnected to the Dutroux paedophile gang hut the discovery of her body four years after police closed her tile has sparked outrage directed at an out-oftouch system which allowed a eonvicted child abuser to operate for years with impunity.

Industrial anger, meanwhile. is directed at a political elass which seems just as out of touch with how millions of workers have to pay the price of eutour dead bodies" one said.

throat competition. There is dis-belief at the ease with which a highly profitable plant could be axed overnight and bitter reseotment in Belgium that jobs there had to be sacrificed before those on Renault's home

ground in France. The European Commission said that Renault failed to respect European Union directives on worker consultatino before announcing the closure. Brussels has also blocked Spain's attempts to subsidise Renault's modernisation of a plant in Valladolid and has promised a review of legislation on industrial relocation. But the commission's words did little to soothe disenchantment with Europe at Vilvoorde.

This is a catastrophe for us, and it proves that the social Europe does not exist, we have a social cemetery, said Gerard Verbeke who has been at Renault for 22 years and at 45 sees little prospect of finding another job. Europe is for capital, it is a

> 6 Europe is for capital, it is a Europe which does nothing for workers 9

Europe which does oothing for workers, said Frank Stoffels a metal worker from Antwerp who had come to show support. What use is it to have European directives if Renault does not have to pay any penalties for breaking them. Maximum penalties faced by Renault if it is found guilty of breaching EU law are around £400 000.

During the day hundreds of workers from other industries arrived to support the sit-in. "It might be nur turn in a few months time" said Johan, a flight attendant with Sabena airline.

Union leaders say the sit-in will continue until they get reassurances that at least some of Renault's production will be retained at Vilvoorde. They expect management to try early next week to get out the 5,000 cars being held inside the factory. If

### Madrid infuriated by Basque killing acquittal

A San Sebastian jury acquitted a separatist, Mikel Otegi, on grounds he was not responsible for his actions when he killed two policemen. He said he had a hlackout at the killed two policemen. The latester Minister, Jame Major, the province The latester Minister, Jame Major, the province The latester Minister, Jame Major, the province The latester Minister, Jame Major, the latester Minister and Major, the latester Minister and Major, the latester Minister and Major, the latester and the l time of the shooting. The Interior Minister, Jaime Major Oreja, said it was a "risk" to hold jury trials in the Basque country and promised reforms to prevent the repetition of such a "nonsensical situation". Elizabeth Nash - Madrid

### Michael Manley dies

Michael Manley, prime minister of Jamaica 1972-1980 and 1989-1992, died of cancer, aged 72. He also led Third World causes, including liberation efforts in Africa. Reuters - Kingston Obituary, page 18

### Move to free Russian PoWs

Russian MPs voted to armesty Cheehens who took part in the secessionist war in an attempt to exchange Russian PoWs for Chechens in detention.

### Paws for thought

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# **Michael Manley**

Michael Manley was one of the great figures of modern Third World politics. His standing as an inspirational leader spread heyond his native Jamaica to all parts of the Caribbean and to many other Third World societies as well.

Manley always saw clearly that the politics of reform which he espoused in Jamaica depended upon associated changes in the wider international economy. This led him to take up articulate and brave, if sometimes foothardy, positions in the dehate about the shaping of a Tnew international economic order" which brought the plight of the developing world io the centre of the international stage during the course of the 1970s. Less changed than he imagined or hoped, but Manley succeeded nevertheless in stamping something of his huge and vibrant personality on that phase of world history.

Manley was born into one of Jamaica's leading middle-class families in 1924. His father, Norman, was a brilliant lawyer, destined to found the Jamaican People's National Party (PNP) and to be the island's political leader during the last days of British colonial rule between 1955 and 1962. Manley's mother. Edna, was an equally hrilliant artist and sculptress.

Their second son inherited his considerable intellectual powers and gifts of advocacy from his father, but just as importantly drew from his mother a human sensitivity, a deep integrity and a basic liking of people (of all classes) which marked his own subsequent political career in deeply

formative ways. He attended Jamaica College, the colony's exclusive secondary school, excelling mostly as an arblete, but showing early signs of his rehellious nature hy publicly challenging the authoritarian approach of his headmaster and ultimately resigning from the college. He spent the last years of the Sec-ond World War in the Royal Canadian Air Force, before enrolling in late 1945 as a studeni at the London School of

Economics. This was a critical phase in Manley's political development. Like so many others, he came under the influence of Harold Laski and hegan to take on board many of the dominant social democratic ideas of Labour England at that ome. Despite verely defeated was marked by the claims of critics from both left and right at different moally budged from this early and took stock of changing idenlogical grounding.

spent another year in Britain training as a journalist and following the fortunes of the West Indian cricket team. Cricket was always a great love, and for him a defining feature of what it was to be a West Indian, and he later wrote the huge A History of West Indies Cricket (1988).

By 1952, however, Manley was back in Jamaica and was immediately projected by his father into the key role of union organiser within the PNPaffiliated National Workers' Union (NWU). It was another defining moment for "Young Boy", as Manley came to be dubbed by the sugar workers. Initially a highly nervous public speaker, he grew over the next 20 years of active and successful trade unionism into an impassioned orator. He also came to acquire a deep awareness of the many social and economic dls, above all the deep-rooted inequality, at the heart of Jamaican society.

When his father retired as PNP leader in 1969, it was thus natural that Manley, already an elected member of the House of Representatives, should succeed him. He sought to articu-late the growing disaffection of ordinary black Jamaicans and swept to a dramatic and exciting election victory in 1972. Manley was "Joshua": he epitomised the unger of his people: he defined socialism as "love": and he set energetically about the task of building a better society for all Jamaicans.

His politics were those of a radical social democrat, hut wisely or unwisely he worked with Marxist elements in Jamaican society and quickly came to be seen from the outside, especially in the United States, as a dangerous "anti-imperialist". At home, his policies were characterised by nationalisation, higher taxation and a commitment to extending literacy: abroad, he hefriended Castro, took a leading role in the non-aligned movement and deeply alarmed the Americans.

However, although there were successes in terms of building popular self-confidence, his populist experiment ended in ultimale failure, the economy hroken on the back of disinvestment and IMF-imposed austerity and the society riven by intra-party conflict. The 1980 election, which saw the PNP se-

great violence. In opposition, Manley re-

elected to office, ostensibly as the "new" Manley. He had not changed his hasic social goals but he had come to different views as to how they could best he realised. In particular, he had accepted that the private sector. not the state, was the best route In increased economic produc-tion, without which there could be no hope of social improvement. In September 1990 he thus turned his party and government firmly in the direction of deregulation and

liberalisation. By this time, he was beginning to suffer the first serious ill-health that limited him in the last years of his life and in March 1992 he announced that his doctors had advised him that he could no longer carry the physical burden of high office and that he would resign as Jamaican prime minister as soon as his successor could he elected. It was 40 long, gruclling years since he had come home to take up his joh with

Even in retirement, Manley did not cease to serve his Caribbean. In particular, he responded to a request to "prohe" the views of other Caribbean Basin governments on the merits of a proposed new region-wide Association of Caribbean States, with which he was much in sympathy, as a long-standing regionalist.

Anthony Payne

Michael Manley's National Workers' Union represented the staff at Radio Jamaica when I took over its management in 1963, writes Graham Binns, We knew of each other, hul had not

Shortly after arriving I disciplined an announcer and Manley stormed in to confront me. He was a heroic figure, a tower of a man in an opennecked lumberjack shirt. This was to put me at a disadvantage. Management was wearing suits and ties in those days.

Despite (or because of) the dramatic style of his arrival I became dramatic myself. When he walked up and down one end of my office making his speech 1 responded by walking up and down the other end while making mine. Our eyes then met in an unblinking trial of righteousness, hul we spoiled the scene. I saw the corner of his mouth quiver as he saw mine. We settled the issue quickly.

When we negotiated collective agreements on pay and conments in his career, he never re- built his strength and his nerve ditions we did so facing each overwhelmed his judgement. other down the boardroom ideas about economic devel- table. His shop stewards were but well advised, would be a Ewan; died Kingston, Jamaica 6 After graduating. Manley upment In 1988 he was again ranged down one side, my godsend to any country.



But if Manley sensed that deadlock was too close he would suddenly bring, say, the Guernica into his tirade and we would both discuss Picasso, the others looking from one to the other of us like the heads in the advertisement "That's Shell That Was". After one of these artistic breaks we were able to turn hack to the consideration of pay and conditions in the midest of manners.

Michael Manley understood hest. He was indeed a charismatic political leader, but there were times when his enthusiasin Someone with his great style.

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ter), 1972 Beverley Anderson (one son, one daughter; marriage dissolved 1990), 1992 Glynne

### Fr Robert Graham SJ

rocked by allegations that Pope Pius XII had done nothing to save the Jews during the Second World War. Rolf Hochhuth's controversial play The Deputy caused such a storm that the Vatican had to bow to pressure to give its version of how much the Pope knew about the Nazi extermination of the Jews, when he learnt what he knew, what he could or could not have done to protest and whether protesting would have achieved anything. It was the American Jesuit priest Father Robert Graham who did most to counter such

allegations.

The Vatican believed that publication of its secret wartime papers would lay these charges to rest. Graham had already researched in this area and he was assigned by the Jesuits in 1966 to the team publishing the doc-uments from the Vatican archives covering the wartime period. The series began pub-lication in 1965 and Graham igined the three other Jesuits from the third volume. The series would eventually reach 11

Against accusations that the Vatican had been less than forthcoming about its wartime role, despite the extensive archive series, Graham insisted that he and the team had been given full, unhindered access to all the Vatican papers for the period. He said they had published texts they considered important and illustrative. Only repetitious material had been omitted. He maintained that the published documents represented an accurate reflection of the total collection. With Vatican per-mission, Graham supplied historians with other, unpublished documents on request.

As a serious and cautious cholar, he was scathing about the vituperative and often unscholarly hatchet-jobs on his beloved Pius XII who, he insisted, had done his best in agonising circumstances. Had he spoken out against the extermination of the Jews, Graham believed, it would have done little to change Nazi behaviour. As Graham declared last year, the Pope had not even spoken out against the arrest and detention of 2,000 Catholic priests in Dachau, Pius XII "did not give speeches. For the Pope to make speeches would not have helped. It would have compromised the position of Jews and Catholics.

Privately the Pope had encouraged efforts by local Catholics - as in Poland and Jews as possible. Graham noted that he had scoured the pages of the New York Times dur-ing the war and had found lit-Photograph: CNS / Agostino Bono

In 1963 the Catholic Church was the information on or condemnation of the extermination of the Jews until the end of the war. nor had he found any when he went back over the daily newspaper column written by President Roosevelt's wife, Eleanor.

Graham criticised what he called the "irresponsible muddying of the well-springs of his-tory" by some writers, based on what he saw as their faulty understanding of the true nature of the archive material they were publishing, shorn of context and perspective. He stressed that archive material was not necessarily accurate and often merely reflected the perceptions of the writers concerned. He placed some of the archive documents containing the most egregious disinfor-mation in a box he labelled

"hoaxes, bowlers and humbug". Graham was born in Sacra-mento in 1912 and joined the California province of the Jesuits as a young man. He was or-dained priest in 1941 and soon after was sent to New York as an editorial writer on the Jesuit weekly America, where he was to remain for over 20 years. In the late 1940s he wrote about the United Nations. In 1952 he gained a doctorate in political science and international law from the University of Geneva during a sabbatical.

In 1959, Graham's book Vat-ican Diplomacy: a study of Church and State on the international plane was published, and his work on the Second World War period stimulated his interest in further research into the Vatican's diplomatic activity and especially its response to Nazism. He spent a year on a Rockefeller Foundation grant travelling the world interviewing witnesses. At the time the Vatican was still tight-lipped and he had to content himself largely with interviewing foreign diplomats who had been assigned to the Holy See.

Arriving in Rome in 1966. Graham was to make the city his base for the next 30 years until



illness caused him to return to California last year. Whenhe original project was complied in 1981, he developed his researches in the Vatian archives and in other Europan archives. Many of his findus were published in the respited Italian Jesuit magazie

Civiltà Cattolica. In 1992, at a time of growing expectation of Vatican-Isrili diplomatic relations, he ppared a background paper ir the Holy See for a mar Catholic-Jewish meeting. pounding the Vatican's viewf Pope Pius's wartime condi with regard to the Jews. He peated his argument that pulic condemnations would or have provoked the Nazi regin

to even more atrocities. Graham was dismissive of the controversy surrounding to republication in 1995 of a dra text of an encyclical condemi mg racism and anti-Semitisn which he had known abou since 1963. The draft wa prepared for Pius XII's prede cessor, who had already con demned Nazism in his 193 encyclical Mit Brennender Sons On his death in 1939, as is the custom, his papers were abandoned and the encyclical was never sent.

Graham was adamant that the encyclical was not suppressed. The international situation had changed by the time Pius XII was elected and such an explicit condemnation would have caused reprisals in Nazi Germany. Graham also he-lieved that Pius XII was not as impulsive as his predecessor and that such a condemnation was: not his style. "The more im-pulsive Pius XI would bave come out with a strong anti-Hitler statement. But, in my opinion, he would have regretted it. Hitler would have gone on a rampage of revenge – not only against Jews hut against German bishops as well."

Tall and thin, Graham was well known among Rome-based journalists and historians. Dubbed the "007 of the Vatican", his courteous and mild manner concealed an iron resolve. If there was one overriding mission in Graham's life it was to seek out and publish the truth and, in the process, to exonerate Pope Pius XIL

While his detractors can no longer injure him," he wrote. their slanders and insinuations continue to plague the Church, for when a Pope is defamed, the Church suffers."

**Felix Corley** 

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historian: born Sacramento, Cal-ifornia 11 March 1912: ordained priest 1941; died Los Gatos California 11 February 1997.

### Frank Brennan



Photograph: Hulton Getty

They called Frank Brennan The Rock of Tyneside, and with good reason. When Newcastle United hecame a footballing power in the land soon after the Second World War. Brennan was the colossus at the heart of their rearguard, standing between the great centreforwards of the day and the Magpies' goal like a walking seam of granite.

A strapping, raw-honed Scot with an engaging personality, he became an adoptive Geordie and a local cult hero, sharing the limelight with his even more famous team-mates, the centreleft-winger Bobby Mitchell, Ma- Scotland in a Victory interna-

jestic in the air, a fearsome tackler and deceptively fleet of foot for such a large man. Brennan specialised in winning the hall and passing it on, with a minimum of fuss, to more creative

colleagues. After excelling as a teenager in Scottish junior leagues, he took his first step towards soccer eminence by joining the Airdrieonians club, based to the east of Glasgow, as an amateur. in 1941, later turning professional and representing Scotland in wartime competition.

The turning point of Brennan's career arrived in 1946 forward Jackie Milhurn and when he played hrilliantly for

tional against England, snuffing out the threat of the star spearhead Tommy Lawton and attracting the attention of leading clubs from south of the border.

Both Sunderland and Preston North End pressed their suit, hut the race for his signature was won by Newcastle, who paid £7,500 for the privilege of taking the hugely promising 22-year-old to St James' Park. Brennan made an instant im-

pact in the English game, soon making his official international dehut for Scotland (surely he would have won more than his seven caps hut for the gifted

present in the United side which gained promotion to the First Division in 1948.

For the next few seasons Newcastle were a top side, always missing out on the League title hut making ample amends with successive FA Cup triumphs, a glorious one against Blackpool in 1951 followed by a distinctly fortuitous victory over Arsenal a year later. Brennan played a key role in both, bottling up the effervescent Stan Mortensen in the first and holding firm against the gallant Gunners, who had been reduced to 10 men through injury, Willie Woodburn of Glasgow in the second. Thereafter he Rangers), and was ever- continued to be a bulwark of the

team until a financial dispute with the club cost him his place in 1954/55 - he missed United's third Wembley victory in five years in 1955 - and led to his controversial departure in March 1956. It was the era of the iniquitous maximum wage system and the fans pilloried the directors over what was perceived as unfair treatment of their favourite. There were public protest meetings and the case was raised at the Trades Union Congress but all to no avail.

Now Brennan joined the uon-League North Shields as player-coach, serving them enterprisingly for six seasons before spending five years as a

globe-trotting coach, spreading the soccer gospel to such farflung outposts as Singapore and Trinidad. In 1967 he returned to North Shields, inspiring them to FA Amateur Cup glory in 1969, then managing Fourth Division Darlington for a hrief spell in the early 1970s. There followed a stint as trainer-coach of the part-timers Frank Brennan, footballer, coach South Shields before Brennan opted to concentrate on his sports outfitter's husiness in Newcastle. Eventually be retired

to the nearby Whitley Bay. Frank Brennan will be re-Newcastle United. Beyond rea-

sonable dispute, he remains the finest, most dominant defender in the club's history. Given the current Magnies' notorious defensive frailty, what wouldn't their manager Kenny Dalglish pay for the modern equivalent of "The Rock of Tyneside"?

Ivan Ponting

and manager: born Annathill, near Glasgow 23 April 1924: played for Airdrieonians 1941-46, Newcastic United 1946-56; capped seven times by Scotland 1946-54; manager, Darlington membered best for his prime in 1971-72: married (three sons, the black-and-white stripes of three daughters); died Newcast upon Tyne 5 March 1997.

### Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

OAVIS: On 5 March 1997, at Sheffield, to Karen (Olliffe) and John, a son.

BUCHES: To Ruth (nec Morler) and Nicholas, a son, Russell David Glon, born (2 January 1997, Hampstend; a brother for Olivia and Eleanor.

### DEATHS

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WOODFORD: Angelo, died 4 March 1997, after a short, determined light against cancer, Beloved mother of Clare and Dominic, and wife of Bernard, Requiem Mass and burial at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham, Surrey, on Friday 14 March, at 12 neen, Flowers or donations to St Luke's Cancer Appeal, co Sherlock and Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, Sur-

### IN MEMORIAM

GAVIIURE: Kundar, in loving memo ry of our dearest son, always in our hearts. Mammy and Baba. MANSFIELD: Peter, died 4 March 1996. I love you. I miss you, I thank you for 35 years of perfect happing a Now and always. Luis.

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### Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. M. Jackson

and Miss R. C. Hughes The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Jackson, of Ringmer. East Sussex and Roslyn Christina. only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Glyn Hughes, of Saltdean, Brighton,

### Birthdays TODAY: Maj-Gen Sir Christopher

Airy, former private secretary to the Prince and Princess of Wales, 63: Professor Charles Boxer, historian and author, 43; Mr Gyles Brandreth Ml. 49: Sir Julian Bullard, former ambassidor to West Germany, 69: Professor Sir Donald Campbell, tor-mer President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 67; Sir Anthuny Caro, sculptor, 73; Miss Cyd Charisse, actress and dancer, 70; Mr Phil Edmonds, cricketer, 46: Mr Michael Grade, former chief executive of Channel 4, 54; Miss Effect Herlie, actress, 77; The Hon Douglas Hurd MP, 67; Mr Michael Inchbald, interior designer, 77; Miss Ann Jenner, ballenna, 53; Miss Lynn Redgrave, actress, 54; Dr Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi, 49; Miss Lynn Seymour, ballerina, 58: Professor Stephen Smith, gynaecologist, 46; Professor Norman Stone, historian. 56; Mr Robert Tear, operatic tenor, 58; Mr John Ward MP, 72; Mr David

Wilkie, wimmer, 43. TOMORROW: Air Marshal Sir Roger Austin, Controller, Aircraft, Ministry of Defence, 57: Mr Bill Beaumont, sports commentator, 45; Mr Andrew Bennett MP, S8: Dr Michael Brook, former Warden, St. George's House, Windsor Casile, 77: M Andre Courneges, countrier, 74: Sir Rousleyn Cumming-Bruce, former Lord of Appeal, 85: Mr Bobby

Fischer, chess champion, 54: Mr John Golding, trade union leader, for Mr Neil Hamilton MP, 48; Professor Sir Donald Harrison, laryngologist. 72: Dr Thomas Johnston, former Principal, Heriot-Watt University. 70: General Sir Frank King. 78: Sir Norman Lindop, chemist and edu-cational administrator, 76; Mr Robin Martin, former chairman, Hewetson plc. 76; Mr David Matthews, composer, 54: Sir Nichotas Monek-former Permanent Secretary, Department of Employment, 62: Sir Donald Rattee, High Court judge, 60: Professor Kenneth Robinson, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong. 83: Mr Mickey Spillane, nov elist, 79: Lord Thurlow, former Governor of the Bahamas, SS; Professor Sir David Weatherall, haematologist, 64; Mr David Willetts MP. 41.

Anniversaries TODAY: Births: Kenneth Grahame, author. 1859; Frederic William Goudy, printer and typographer. 1865 Deaths-Louis-Hector Berlioz. composer, 1869; Sir Thomas Beecham Bi, conductor, 1961; Richard Austen Butler, Baron Butler of Saffron Walden, statesman. 1982. On this day: a coal smike began in Britain, 1944; the United States landed 3.500 marines in South Vietnam. 1965: the Nelson Column in Dublin was destroyed by an tRA bomb, 1966, Today is the Feast Day of St Duthac, St Felix of Dunwich. St Humphrey or Hunfrid, St John of God, St Julian of Toledo, Saints Philemon and Apollonius, St Pontius of Carthage, St Senan of Scattery, St Stephen of Obazine and St Vere-mund. TOMORROW: Births: Amerigo Vespucci, explorer, 1454; Ernest Bevin, statesman, 1881; Vic-toria Mary Sackville-West, novelist. 1892: Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin, as-

tronaut. 1934. Deaths: David Rizzio. secretary to Mary, Queen of Scots,

murdered (5%; Arnold Tombee, so-

cial philosopher, 1883: George Burus tNathan Birnbaumi, comedian, writer and producer, 1996. On this day: Napoleon Buonaparte married Josephine de Beauharnais, 1796; the Soviet Union sent the first dog. Laika, into space, in Spunik 9, 1961. Tomorrow is Mothering Sunday and the Feast Day of St Bosa, St Catharine of Bologna, St Dominic Savio, St Frances of Rome, St Gre-gory of Nyssa and St Pacianus.

### Lectures TODAY

National Portrait Gallery: Mary Connatty, "Henry VII and Princely Magnificence: the Field of Cloth of Gold 1529", 3pm. TOMORROW

### Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Characterful Contrasts: Kossoff and Kitaj", 230pm.

Dinners

City University Sir John Leahy, Pro-Chancellor, presided at the City University Convocation Dinner held vesterday evening at the university, London ECt. Mr Stuart I. Deviin, Prime War den of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, was the guest speaker. Professor Rooul Franklin, Vice-Chancellor, and Mrs Franklin, and Mr Robert W. Chappell. Chairman of Convocation, also attended.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Princess Rocal, President Arrestic Children Fund, Index attends the West Michards April at Gala Linnas and Bell, International Convention Centre, International

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# A novelist dancing on banana-skins

alising that if Jesus was an unimportant Jew, turned by Paul into a mythological hero, then all its debates, bureaucracy and paperwork are a case of fiddling while Rome (or perhaps Canterbury) burns.

Sorry, Synodpersons: this one matters. Wilson, ever the novelist, invents a new Paul: a Temple policeman, paid by the Chief Priests, co-operating with the Ro-man forces. The pre-Christian Paul would be deeply offended. He was a strict Pharisee. Today, he would be a gun-carrying West Bank settler.

As a Christian, Paul remained a deeply Jewish thinker. His gospel was a Jewish message for the pagan world. Wilson sug-gests that he derived his view of Jesus' crucilizion and resurrection from the mysteryreligions (Mithras, Herakles, and all that), if not by direct borrowing then by subliminal imaginative memory. This theory was popular two generations ago, when de-Judaising Christianity was dangerously fashionable. It is now routinely abandoned. For Paul, Jesus' death and resurrection made sense within the Jewish, not the pagan, world-view. They were the long-awaited outcome of the whole biblical drama, the fulfilment of God's covenant purpose to deal with the world's sin. They meant that God's new world had

already been inaugurated. The only way to describe earthshattering events like these was, for Paul, the language of myth and eschatology -

Jesus was a minor Galilean exercist, according to A.N. Wilson; Paul, he writes in a new biography, was the real founder of Christianity. The General Synod office says it's above debating such matters – not re-

St Paul was not the inventor of a new religion in Christianity. He was a devout Jew who saw the fulfilment of an ancient covenant, argues Tom Wright the Dean of Lichfield.

on these hanana-skins without realising their danger. Of course Paul used mythological language. Virtually everyone who talks about God and the world is forced to. But his language derives not from paganism, but from the Jewish scriptures. The prophets regularly used "end-of-the-world" mythological language to invest this-worldly events with their theological significance. Paul exploited these resources to the full, not to distance himself from the Galilean Messiah, nor to imply that Jesus' death and resurrection weren't literal historical events, butto give to those events their full, multitextured meaning.

he insists on reading what Paul meant literally (lesus' resurrection) as though it were simply myth, while he can't recognise real Jewish mythology ("end-of-theworld") when it bites him on the nose. Of course Paul also had a strong future hope. for the total renewal (not the actual two notoriously slippery words in recent theology. Ihmugh Wilson dances around lay on what Israel's God had already ac-

complished in the events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. He saw that literal, historical events, so far from being boring or irrelevant, were the explosive happenings in which the creator God had acted climactically and decisively within space and time.

Paul understood the universal significance of this Jewish message about Jesus. Israel's vocation, to be the light of the world, had been accomplished through her Messiah. The Messiah, in scripture, would be Lord of the whole world. Paul was a herald, proclaiming this new world ruler to his unsuspecting subjects. His utterly Jewish "gospel" thus thallenged the grandiose claims of Caesar as no mee mystery religion could ever do.

What matters most, though, is Jesus himself. Several scholars, from many backgrounds, have recently written serous books about Jesus. None of them surports Wilson's case. If he doesn't want to read mine (Jesus and the Victory of God 1996), let him consult others and tell u

why he disagrees with them. The cultured despisers of Christianit should not assume they have the field to themselves. If the Church protests, Wilson says we are frightened rabbits who can't face the facts. If the scholars object, he says we are trade-unionists protecting For all Wilson's literary sophistication; our closed shop. Who, then, would be be

prepared to listen to? Other novelists? Truth is served, not by rendentious statement and sound bits, but by public debate. If Synod is too busy re-arranging the deck-chairs on the *Tunnic*, let's do what Paul did: hire a hall and get on with the job. The sooner the better.

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# There's no future in a Peter Pan society

re are the Peter Pan society. We are fixated with youth and give, as a culture, less and less to age and experience. But unlike the sentimental Victorians, whose "boy wbo would not grow up" was forever 10, our cultural clock stops at 16, or soon afterwards. The cult of youth infects all aspects of our lives, from fashion to politics. Throughout the media, there is more interest in the views of Swampy and the Spice Girls than in those of the old - who may be

The so-called youth vote is considered a potent force, despite the fact that young peo-ple are more likely to be apathetic and irresponsible, and less likely to vote. Conversely, although older people are more interested, well read, better informed and much more likely to vote, "grey power" is surprisingly absent from British public life.

Yesterday, the three main party leaders gave their views to young journalists on the BBC's Newsround, the latest of several pre-election youth initiatives. Yet grillings by pen-sioners have hardly been a prominent part of the election warm-up. Even this week's debate about pensions was not about our responsibility to the present-day elderly, but about whether today's young people would end up paying more for their own old age.

Of course, this is an important issue. The main defect of the system of pension provision in this country, apart from its daunting complexity, is that today's people of working age are not persuaded or forced to save enough for their old age. Many do make adequate provision, but many of the less-well-off are going to be left behind.

However, it is curious how little attention is paid to the fate of the 10 million people who are already over 60. Roughly speaking, about one-third of them are reasonably well-off indeed they include most of the very richest individuals in the country. But another onethird form the largest and most ignored sec-tion of the population living in poverty. They used to be a central concern of the Labour Party. But Tony Blair has said rather brutally of Labour's pledge at the last election to increase the basic state pension by £5 a week or £8 a week for couples, that it did not win his party a single extra vote. Unfortunately, this is broadly true - one of the explanations for politicians' lack of interest in wooing the grey vote is that it is much less volatile than others. Pensioners are not only betterinformed about politics, but also more fixed (and often more Conservative) in their views. Their very loyalty allows party leaders to ignore them.

It is, nevertheless, not just a shame but a betrayal of trust between the generations that so many of the elderly have been treated so shabbily since the link between the state pen-



sion and average earnings was broken in 1980. This breached the implied contract under which a whole generation paid its National Insurance contributions - that they would share in the country's rising prosperity when they retired. In fact, one of New Labour's least-noticed

spending commitments is Harrier Harman's promise to make sure that the poorest pensioners get their full entitlement to social security benefits, which many are too proud to claim. Not only is this promise unpublicised, it is also uncosted, and could mean spending an extra £Ibn a year.

This is the least any government should feel ohliged to do, and it is a pity that it came as a forced concession made under pressure from Barbara Castle last year. And indeed Lady Castle's passionate plea at the Black-pool conference was typical of the way in which we treat elderly politicians: she was idolised for five minutes and then politely voted down.

The cult of the Labour leader's youth does not help. Mr Blair is always "talkin' bout my generation". If you did not know that he would be the youngest prime minister since Lord Liverpool in 1812, he will soon let you know, talking about how. "to people of my generation". Marxist state control is old hat, or antagonistic industrial relations a distant memory. He comes dangerously close to implying that old people have no place in his vision of Britain as a "Young Country". But the impression he gives rings hollow.

The more he talks of his youth, the more he sounds like someone trying to recapture something he has lost. And this turns out to be nostalgia for an cra when we were unembarrassed by a sense of family obligation. Mr Blair invokes a thinly-modernised model of a society based on the extended family, where elders are treated with respect and younger people take responsibility for them in their old age. His rhetoric of community is based on the rights and duties we first learn in families.

And this past is not wholly lost, as an ESRC report to be published oo Monday shows. Family bonds are still strong: people stay in touch with their extended families much

more than is often supposed.

No one is in favour of restoring the Victorian patriarehy, but perhaps there is scope for a rebalancing of our culture, for a little more honouring of fathers and (don't forget tomorrow) mothers. Not to mention grandparents. uncles, aunts and the rest. And let us not forget our pensiooers in the coming election

And by that, we mean listening to them, not merely paying them. Age doesn't necessarily bring wisdom, but experience often does. A Peter Pan society is also a childish one.

### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

### Beware the Tory MP and his racist gaffe - or was it?

Sir: Far from being a buffoon, David Evans MP is likely a sharp, if repugnant operator. Offensive and ugly racist language became the stock-in-trade of right-wingers in the Australian election campaign a year ago - and far from

Polly Toynbee's point ("A glimpse at the dark heart of Toryism", 6 March) about "political correctness"

- by any standards a slippery concept

- is nicely made. It has indeed become the ideal sop for right-wing commentators, used to fend off on any demand for intellectual exertion. With Evans in mind, is "political correctness" not just the politically correct term for civility and good-

I have no doubt that we shall hear more boorish and inflammatory outbursts in the coming camp but think twice before labelling them ill-judged or naive. Dr NANU GREWAL Oriel College, Oxford

manners?

Sir: Polly Toynbee is right that those who claim to deplore the language of equality actually deplore the idea of equality, but she makes only a vague allusion to the principles of modern linguistics which underpin her argument.

According to Ferdinand de Saussure's structuralist theory of linguistics, the way people use words is indivisible from their meaning. There cannot be a difference in form without a difference in meaning.

The English language is less susceptible to inherently sexist usage than those languages which have a gender system, but it does have a colourful and varied range of derogatory terms for women and foreigners, as Ms Toynbee mentioned: "wogs", "bimbos",
"tarts", "nig-nogs" and so on. There
are far more ways to insult a woman or a foreigner than there are to insult a white male.
ALEXANDER HOFMANN (A white male) SLAridrews, Fife

 Sir. Polly Toynbee doesn't cast her net widely enough. Opinions like those of David Evans MP are, sadly, by no means restricted to Tories and taxi-drivers. Think of all these Labour voters in Northern workingmen's clubs guffawing along with Bernard Manning

Evans, Manning and John Carlisle's taxi driver represent a resentful backlash against the progressive changes of the last 30 years. Their values have been superseded by better ones, and they don't like it. IAMES SCOTT Great Linford, Buckinghamshire

funded system means a rush of new

Professor Martin Feldstein of

Harvard University calculates the

benefit of changing from a pay-as-you-go to a funded system in America at 3 per cent of GNP each

vear - doubling economic growth. It

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Government's new scheme to pay for

itself, without anyone at all having to

than a tenth of that for the

"pay twice". Dr EAMONN BUTLER

Adam Smith Institute

Director

London SWI

investment into British industry, generating new economic growth.

Sir: I take exception to the final paragraph of Polly Toynbee's article. There are over 1,100 Conservative Clubs, more than twice the number of any other type of political club. I have never been to a Conservative Club which is 'full of old, sour, mean,

white faces". Polly Toynbee has shown that she is just as capable of making "politically incorrect" sweeping generalisation as those she sought to

KENHARGREAVES Secretary, The Association of Conservative Clubs Ltd London SWI

Sir: Racism and sexism, which are different forms of xenophobia, share a common thought process: the definition of a group to which the attribution to that group of umpleasant characteristics and the willingness to punish all supposed members of the group on the assumption that they possess those

Polly Toynbee is not exempt from xenophobic reasoning. She contemptuously attributes a marmalade of disagreeable attitudes to all us Conservative voters. We represent somewhere between a third and half of her fellow-citizens. yet I feel that if she could she would

abolish the lot of us. We do disagree with many of ber prescriptions for improving economic and social conditions, but if our analysis is different our motives are no baser than bers. COLIN ANGWIN London W8

Sir. What has Luton done to offend Polly Toynbee? We may have John Carlisle as MP for the north of the town (though many thought him MP for white Johannesburg) and Graham Bright as MP for the south but, thank God, we don't have to suffer David Evans, who is MP for Welwyn Hatfield.

Hedid, as ebairman, preside in our football team's slide from the old first division to the present second (or the old third) but this is the limit Equally, pray God, the influence of Messrs Bright and Cartisle will be lifted in a few weeks. PHILIP JONES. Luion, Bedfordshire

Sir: Every so often my husband will rise from the breakfast table muttering forcefully, "You tell'em, Polly. Well said. You tell 'em." This morning (6 March) was no exception What on earth is going on? FELICITY MARRIAN

### Smokers always knew the risks

Sir: I don't smoke; I've never smoked. And the reason is that when I was about eight, my mother, who did smoke very heavily, showed me the "tissue test". In this, she blew uninhaled cigarette smoke through a tissue as compared to inhaled smoke She showed me the brown mark from the uninhaled smoke, and explained forcefully that every time she drew smoke into ber lungs, that "beastly stuff" stayed there. "My lungs," she said, "are like sponges soaked with disgusting tar." This was not in the Sixties or

Seventies. It was not in the Forties or Fifties. It was in the Thirties. And my mother, and all her generation, knew perfectly well what they were doing to themselves. How else did they explain did they offer each other "coffinnails"?

I hate to come to the aid of the tobacco industry, but fair's fair. It is utter consense for what you laughably call "early smokers" to claim they did didn't know that smoking damaged their bealth (report, 6 March). King James I knew now bad tobacco was for you when it first hit these shores.

If the tobacco companies were not so busy trying to pretend that smoking is not dangerous, and called upon old smokers or elderly people whose parents smoked to give evidence that it was well-known that smoking damaged your health and was related to fatal illness, they would have a better case for seeing off these who claim they followed fashion in the Forties and Fifties without knowing the dangers.
LYNNE REID BANKS. Beominster, Dorset

### Bishop tried to bring peace to parish

Sir. John Walsh distorts events in the parish of Kings Norton (diary, 6 March)? The Bishop of Birmingham and his senior staff have for some time been deeply involved in trying to restore a proper working relationship between the Rev Eve Pitts and the rest of the elergy team with whom she is meant to be working. It was only when all else had failed that the Bishop coupled a request for Mrs Pitts to resign with the offer to continue to find her other work as a priest. To describe the Bishop's actions as insensitive and to couple the piece with the announcement of his engagement was unworthy. SUE PRIMMER Bishop's Press Officer

Sir. Patrick Cockburn claims in his the Jewish majority in Jerusalem is artificial. He points out that towns such as Bethlehem and Ramalah are deliberately not included by tsrael in the city's boundaries, because of the high oumbers of Palestinians that live in these areas.

and still are not, seen, as part of the city of Jerusalem either by the Jews nor by the Palestinians living in the area. It is true that Palestinian neighbourhoods such as Abu-Dhis, which are oot included in the boundaries of the city, are effectively a part of it, but the Palestinian population in these areas is not significant enough anyway to change the fact that a Jewish majority does exist today in the city. ERANPELEG

# LETTER from THE EDITOR

Edmunds who complains about the phrase "Anthony (new Lord) Barber" and switches between Lord and Roy Jenkins. He writes: "Could you consider becoming the first newspaper to drop titles altogether? (I believe the New Scientist has done so). Do away with Lords, Ladies, Misters, Mrs and Misses, doctors, professors and all, using them only when needed for identification. Strike a hlow for equality!"

wonder, do readers think? Would you resent a missing piece of information - for instance that X was a peer, or Y an archbishop - or would you prefer the newspaper to be a democratically flattened meet-ing place, at least as far as titles. honorifies and other handles go? Most views welcome though perhaps, on this occasion. it would be fair if members of the Royal Family and Highland clan leaders refrained from taking part.

The most interesting party of the week turns out to he Tribune's 60th birthday hash at Brown's restaurant in London. New Labour, sleek and hrimming with confidence, rubs padded shoulders with dishev-elled veterans from the Campaign for Real Socialism, florid trade unionists and the flotsam of radical hackery. Surging Labour optimism about their chances in the election and, not far behind that in importance, a free bar, help ensure general

bonhomie. But tension is just below the surface. For instance, a discus-sion among hard-edged and earnest Blairites about the oeed for radical changes to pensions, not so different from Peter Lilley's proposals, is broken short by a characteristic display of operatic from Barbara Castle. She and Michael Foot are the "Gog and Magog of Old Labour". Some elements of the party, she warns, have been trying to exorcise the two of them for years. "They will not suc-ceed," roars the Red and pro-

foundly octogenarian Baroness. And Lilley's proposals on pensions? If the Labour move-

meot doesn't scupper this kind of thing "It - is - DEAD!" Just

Reader suggestion of the as youthful Blairites grimace and wince at one another, Cas-Ormerod of Bury St the offers a double-edged hut generous tribute to Blair himself she is deeply impressed by his (short pause) presentational skills, though she also admires his readiness to "fight the buggers on their own territory." New Labour exhales with relief and prepares for a hurst of only slightly patronising applause. But then Castle concludes that the role of Tribune under a new government is more important than ever ... "It is to make sure they KILL THE RIGHT PEO-PLE." We often t "nervous laughter". Now I know what it sounds like.

> Deeply unfair. bug-eyed, rotten damn Press Award judges affected by too many years on the sherry (oh all right, Independent no points)

On Thursday evening, we endure the cheerful abuse of allegedly fraternal colleagues at the British Press Awards annual journalistic beano in London. Deeply unfair, bug-eyed, rotten damn judges, affected, no doubt, by too many years on the forti-fied British sherry produce a situation which has developed - as Emperor Hirohito would have put it - not eotirely to our advanage. 10h. all right then, Independent - nul points.) A boyish wine waiter is particularly abu-sive. Later I discover that the youthful hotel functionary is in fact Piers Morgan, editor of the Minor. Our table agrees that The Guardian's award for the Neil Hamilton affair is well-deserved. then spends much of the rest of the evening thinking up Not the Press Awards - biggest newspaper lie of the year, most catastrophic redesign, most pompous columnist, and so on. We are much cheered up by this useful thought. Would anyone sponsor these awards? On the other hand ... what if we won

Andrew Marr

### Pension reform will pay for itself with less money available to save for themselves. Replacing it with a

Sir: You are wrong to say that the Government's new pension plan would make youngsters "pay twice" once to fund their own pensions, and again to pay for the rest of us (Business comment, 6 March). In fact, switching from the state's chainletter pension scheme to a properly funded system gives a vast boost to economic growth that makes the transition pay for itself.

People regard National Insurance as a tax - indeed, a tax on jobs. So people are less willing to do a job. and employers less willing to create them. But if the money is going into their own personal growth fund instead of into the Government's coffers, the incentives are reversed.

The state scheme is a financial fraud, paying a return below 2 per cent on what the average married man contributes. Singles and those above the average often get negative returns - they would be better off keeping their National Insurance contributions under the mattress. The state scheme leaves people

Sir: If I am paying for my parents' pension and my son will, when be gets a job, be paying for his own pension, who will pay for my

PETER EMMETT Folkestone, Kent

### Profitable future for terrestrial TV

Sir. Rob Brown (" 'Two-brains' Elstein caught in two minds", 3 March) seems not quite to have followed what I said on South Bank Live. The audience share of the US networks has indeed declined; but their revenue, value and investment in programming have all risen more steeply. I made that argument consistently through my years at Sky: the new media will crode terrestrial audiences, but barely affect their revenues. I say exactly the same now now I am at Channel 5.

Rupert Murdoch runs a successful twin terrestrial/satellite strategy in the US on precisely this basis. There is no contradiction involved.

Far from Channel 5 having "an abysmally low budget", it will have three times the spending power of Sky One, which wins a 5 per cent share in satellite homes against 40 competitors. In three-quarters of the homes receiving it, Channel 5 will face just four competitors. DAVID ELSTEIN Chief Executive hannel 5 Broadcasting Ltd

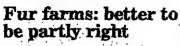
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Sir: Richard North's article on the farming of mink for their fur (6 Oxford University, who says that

weak defence of fur farming.

The sad reality is that animals are exploited in may different ways for food, clothing, entertainment and experimentation. Oppose it all and you will be labelled an extremist; oppose only some of it and you will be

not battery eggs, but at least in doing so, one will be demonstrating some compassion. I would rather be inconsistently right than consistently



March) quotes Dr Georgia Mason of Peerage on parade: red robes fill the Lords chamber at the State mink is probably the best example of factory farming and the least cause for concern. Mr. North's conclusion is that buying fur is probably less immoral than buying battery eggs. This may be true but is it still a rather

ccused of hypocrisy.

It is inconsistent to oppose fur but

RICHARD MOUNTFORD

Sir. Have I got this right? According to Fran Abrams ("Blair's lords-a-leaping ready to bring down the house", 5 March), to make the House of Lords more democratic the plan is to replace those Lords who are there simply because their ancestors did a favour for Charles II, Gladstone or

whoever with people who have done a favour for Tony Blair. Whilst the peers to be replaced are now not beholden to anybody and may vote in the way they feel is in the national interest, one of the requirements of their replacements is that they will vote for whatever Tony Blair tells them to. It might remove the inbuilt Tory

Blair's packed House no gain for democracy majority, but it is hardly a move in the direction of a more democratic MARTIN OAKES

Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire

Sir: In your leading article of 6 March you raise the questions of the composition of the second chamber and the authority of local government. It should surely be a matter for discussion that the secood chamber should contain, as a major element, representatives of the elected bodies in the oext lower local nier, at present county councils. Sir JOHN GRAY FRS Kingsand, Comwall

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### Diocese of Birmingham Jerusalem ballot box free of scorpions

article "Another sting in the tale of the city of scorpions" (4 March) that

Those towns have never been seen, Pembroke College, Oxford

### QUOTE UNQUOTE

Well she's a single girl, lives with her boyfriend, three bastard childreo, lives in Cambridge, never done a proper job. People have to make their mind up - David Evans, Tory MP, on his Labour opponent in the general election, Melanic Johnson

After due consideration, t regret some of the things I said and I apologise to the Prime Minister and to others for any embarrassment or offence which may have been caused - David Evans.

Ramsay MacDonald sat me on his knee and I've looked at Labour leaders in a funny way ever since - Tony Benn. Labour MP I don't think I experienced many Labour MPs being as greedy as the Tories were. And, heing a Tory, it hurts me to say that -

Ian Greer, lobbwist I can pull him back as though he were on one of those dog leads Jane Clark, wife of former Tory minister Alem Clark I find dimness interesting. I often wonder what it's like not to be an intellectual - Anne Haverty, novelist

To forbid all buman cloning now might also halt a whole new branch of medicine before it begins - Steve Jones. professor of genetics at University College. London

The war destroyed the demand for garden gnomes and birdbaths - Terry Major-Ball, the Prime Minister's brother

# Just what is fashion

... apart from employing supermodels and making people rich? For a start, it's sewn into the very fabric of our everyday lives; after all, we all wear clothes. But fashion's brief goes far beyond mere function. By Peter Popham

income, and he spends every last penny of it on his clothes. He spent £40 recently on a cotton jumper emplazoned with the logo from Planet of the Apes and the word FUCT. His white, suede Vans boots, with thick rubber soles or some sort of carapace, he's and the crucial brand name inscribed on the tip of the toe, set him back £60. Today, he will go to Cumden Market and huy the thin brown woolly item he has set his heart on which hangs down below his waist and has the word Blunt printed in orange on the nipple inside a blue oval frame. It will cost

sionally, something he buys hits you in the face - those orange

time, it's just dimly mystifying all these non-descript mass-pro-duced garments with their cryptic, half-jokey hrand names. But I understand that it matters. He thinks about his choices for weeks. He broods. He even saves. He's doing something important, he's creating himself huilding an identity with his Blunts and Vans and FUCTs.

We are in the midst of the spring shows - London and Milan behind us, Paris and New York yet to come - and fashion is all around us. It's the same every year, hut it's gone to a new extreme in Britain now. London Fashion Weck. which finished a week ago, had t don't understand it. I don't a vastly higher profile than in know what it's all about. Occadame of punk, Vivienne Westwood, was lured hack after eight years away, and Prada, the

Glastonbury, but most of the world these past three years, time, it's just dimly mystifying - dropped in for the first time, and threw the week's best party. Media coverage had been so

enormous that fashion editors on the broadsheets began to fear overkill and started pacing themselves. Milan. accordingly. has passed practically unnoticed. But next week, when the fashion world regroups under the Louvre's glass pyrami will start all over again. When fashion comes at you at the familiar pace - one silly

snap, one sexy one, one new sensation, one veteran making a comeback - it's part of the everyday static; we take it or leave it. But when, as now, it comes at you in a big scrimmage of hype and muney and headlines and national destiny, you have at some point to sit up and ask - what is it all about? What is fashion for?

On one level, the question is

business; it is our fourth largest industry, according to Amy de la Haye, curator of the Victoria and Albert Museum's big new exhibition. The Cutting Edge: 50 Years of British Fushion, which opened last week. So the fashion shows are merely trade shows. The frocks are just widgets that happen to be pretty enough to make the front pages. The wheels of commerce revolve, the human cogs do

their stuff. But this explanation leaves all the important questions begging. Why are the V&A's costume galleries by far the most popular in the museum? Why did more than 100,000 people stream through their Street Style exhibition two years ago? What sort of role does fashion play in our society?

Fashion's hig strength is its unique combination of universality and instantancity. We may be tone deaf, we may shut out newspapers and television and radio, but all of us put something on in the morning. Nearly all of us also enter into carnal relations at some point, and in the process notice, if only minimally, as we rip them off, what mate form of self-expression, and the only compulsory one. The message they convey may only be apathy, slovenliness and self-loathing, but it comes across with horrible clarity.

And we can change the message in the time it takes to undress and dress again. In that fleeting interlude, we can re-create ourselves. This is fun for te-magers and confusing for par ents, but what it can mean for an entire society is demonstrated by the Imperial War Museum's exhibition Forties Fashions and the Christian Dior New Look

hen Britain was faced in September 1939 with imminent invasion and national catastrophe, the propaganda potential of clothes quickly became apparent. As a universal medium for expressing communal solidarity and identity, they had a wonderful expressive versatility. British wit and pragmatism was expressed in the hats that glowed in the dark for wearing during hlackouts. Class divisions were temporarily abolished as top designers turned out "utility" clothing for the others are wearing. We all wear masses, using the minimum pos-clothes, and we all have views sible amount of fabric. A range

catchphrases - "Is your journey really necessary?" "Keep it under your hat", "We shall not flag or fail - we shall go on to the end". There was a dressing gown covered with maps of Britain and dotted with stirring slogans This demi-paradise etc - from Shakespeare.

But most eloquent of all was undoubtedly the siren suit, trade mark of Churchill as the hig cigar. The one on display here is made of maroon velvet. expressing in a single garment urgency, commonsense and souciant dandyism.

What the exhibition well conveys is that at moments of national crisis, fashion is a very hig gun in the national armoury because it touches everybody. Fifty years on, fashion still carries a terrific voltage, , abysmally late, some an hour or but its function in society is

drastically different. The catwalk show is fashion's defining ritual. Pashion may, as some believe, be the rock 'n' roll of the late 90s, but the fashiou show is nothing like a rock 'n' roll concert. It may have the background music; it may have the improbably or grotesque or out of the way location beloved of performance or installation about the clothes that others of scarves was produced, cov-wear. Clothes are the most inti-ered in patriotic and exhortatory same sort of intense concen-

Money (1978), Georg Sim-mel wrote "We call those objects valuable that resist our

Unlike all of the above, a

Once admitted, you discover

accordance with the strictest

hierarchy: glossy magazine edi-

tors together, broadsheet fash-

ion writers together, buyers

together on the other side of the

catwalk, foreign journalists

Once seated, you wait and wait and wait: most of last

week's London shows started

requires huge amounts of knowledge and experience and

together at the end.

desire to possess them." Fashion. is a nighly sophisticated system of rationing. Without the whole panoply of Fashion Weeks, the crowds of warmabes rattling the gates, the cameras, the lights, the delays, the almost tangible glamour, what would you have left? Racks and racks of clothes, more or less stupid or witty or charming, but all fatally lacking the magic ingredient that the tration as a concert of modern music. But in all essentials, it business imbues the best of

are highly geared occasions, on which a great deal depends from this concentrated 20 minutes of spectacle, a whole cas-cade of judgements and deci-

press and TV and corporate itive, can transform the way the nation dresses over the months and years ahead. Alternatively, it can flop as totally as Flynow by Cham-

week, where no-one bought anything. It's no wonder that the adrenaline flows, and the In the midst of our fistten secularised, anti-hierarchical society, the fashion business represents the emergence of a caste of lay priests with powers that within their narrow domain are enormous. Their task is to tell the public what it wants, and simultaneously to make it clear how hard it is

going to be for them to get it.

them with - unpossessability. The Cutting Edge, the new exhibition at the V&A, celefashion show usually happens just once. It is highly exclusive; brates 50 years of British fash-ion, from Norman Harmell to witness the scenes of rampag-ing madness outside Alexander McQueen and from Burberry to McQueen's show in the Borough Zandra Rhodes. Elegantly fruit and vegetable market last staged in a high, salon-like space, it brilliantly complements Friday as hundreds tried and Street Style show fashion comes out of it looking that seating is allocated in

in excellent shape. But it leaves one aware that only half the story is being told. Here are the clothes, close enough to touch. One can look at them for as long as one likes: admire the tailoring, the fabrics, the play of forms and ideas. But what is missing is all the fizz and hype that surrounded them when they first entered our consciousness, all the froth and nonsense that forced us to pay attention to these kipper bes and miniskirts and Tommy Nutter suits in the first place, and set them on a

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high shelf of desirability. Here they are, drained of mystique. One result is that many of the clothes don't look half as stupid and dated as one would expect. But equally they are shorn of their desirability. They simply hang there, inscrutably.



more later than scheduled. But once the thing finally gets going, it's all over in the blinking of an eye. McQueen showed 100 outlits worn by some 30 models in 15 minutes. In that time, the buyers and the journalists had to absorb all the weird outfits flashing past their eyes, log their distinctive features and reach judgments about them. It's a task that



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### jo brand's week First of all, a big thank-you to from what I have just said, but was executed with some

my mum for letting me have a week's holiday in Spain without wonving about the column. I spent most of the week in Madrid and a couple of days in Toledo, the swordmaking capital of Spain, for what that news is worth.

One thing I did like about inland Spain, which applies to many countries in Europe with different drinking laws from us. is that there seems to he very little of the desperate laddish drunkenness you get over here, when it suddenly strikes the boys that the puh is going to close in 10 minutes and they d better get them in big-time. This results in a rush of alcohol to hrains and the neanderthal behaviour we witness regularly at weekends. In fact, the only episode of staggering, blind drunkenness I witnessed the entire time I was there started a wellknown British film director my lips are sealed. Obviously, it's a different story on the coast of Spain, but I think you'll find again that that's our moh again.

Having just enlogised about the relative sobriety of Spanish drinkers, I would like to relate an incident which detracts somewhat

panache. Scene: a late-night bar serving but chocolate textured like wet concrete. Protagonists: A man dressed as a clown flogging roses to tovers and a middle-aged man in a smart suit. A friendly discussion between these two took about three minutes to turn into a shouting match during which the clown tried desperately to tift the tension by making funny noises and squeezing his case. The man in the suit smashed a rose to pieces on the bar and looked as if he was going to floor the clown. grabbed besuited drunk by scruff of neck and did a real Wild West saloon kick up the

jacksie, propelling man out of

door. Clown was shaken, and

may now think twice about

his selling technique. Road rage is alive and well in Germany, as experienced by my brother this week. Having suffered the tailgating, headlight-flashing attentions of a very flash Merc on the -lutobahn, he pulled over to let it past, only to draw up behind it in a traffic jam. At this point, two blokes jumped out, ran to my brother's car

and opened the door. One took a swing at him, nearly planting a real scorcher right on his nose. Who were these guys? Neo-pazis? Yobbo lads? No. they were two very respectable-looking men in their late 40s in suits. This could be the year of the middle-aged man frenzy.

I hope that a season of plays at the Battersea Arts Centre directed by four theatre . critics may open the floodgates for all critics of the arts to get as good as they give for a change. All performers have, at one time or another, been given what they consider to be a vicious. personal review which has nothing to do with the performance they gave. I call upon Garry Bushell, that Levin woman from the Mail

On Sunday and several others too numerous and revolting to mention to pop down to the Comedy Store late show and give me 10 minutes of their best jokes. Oh, what joy that would be.

David Evans seems to be a hit of a gift for the Labour Party, and although his views are outrageous to the point of being funny, it makes me wonder how someone like Mr Evans has got as far as he has without his constituents booting him out well before now. Some unfortunate group of people are represented in Parliament by this buffoon, and the more one sees of these right-wing MPs, the more one despairs for the buman race. One thing that should be borne in mind is

money from providing cleaning services to the NHS. which everyone knows accepts the cheapest deal going to save dosh. Sounds like a template for the rest of

government policy.

Mr Evans has at least said he is sorry to Virginia Bottomley for his "dead from the neck up" comment and she has accepted his "gallant and elegant" apology. So she is dead from the neck up, then.

Another motor-mouth's wrath on the airwaves has met with severe disapproval. Danny Baker's strong opinions have proved a bit too much for Radio Five, who have given him the heave-bo. I would say that Danny Baker has proved to be more than a match for the people who phone in to his programme, who, by the very act of picking up the receiver, prove that they hold strong opinions themselves. This is oker-arguing-in-the-pub territory, and where sport, politics or religion are involved, it is going to get out of hand. At least Danny Baker does not tend to express racist opinions in front of schoolchildren. No.

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he admirable Dolly

the sheep must have felt her cloned ears

burning this week. She has seldom

been off the air, seldom far from the Comment columns, the Leader pages or the Letters

to the Editor.

What has intrigued me is the process by which invited contributors to the broadcast

debates on such delicate mat-

ters are chosen. Some of them are experts in the field, as you

would expect and as is right and proper. Others are distin-guished scholars of moral or legal philosophy, which is equally appropriate

Both these categories of per-son have been invited in their

own right, because of their

expert knowledge or their

proven ability to think intelli-

gently and express themselves

clearly. The arguments they have with each other are

nave with each other are usually illuminating and rewarding.

But there is another cate-gory of obligatory guest. There is the inevitable "represent-

ative" of the so-and-so "community"; and, of course, we mustn't forget the "voice" from

the such-and-such "tradition".

Not to mince words, the reli-

gious lobby. Lobbies in the

plural, I should say, because all

the religions have their point of view, and they all have to be represented lest their res-pective "communities" feel slighted.

This has the incidental effect

of multiplying the sheer num-ber of people in the studio.

with consequent consumption,

if not waste; of time. It also, I

believe, often has the effect of

lowering the level of expertise

and intelligence. This is only to

be expected, given that these

spokesmen are chosen not

because of their own qualif-

ications in the field, or as

thinkers, but simply because they represent a particular sec-tion of the community. Out of good manners I shall not mention names, but this

week I have experienced pub-lic discussions of cloning with

several prominent religious

leaders, and it has not been

edifying. One of the most emi-

nent of these spokesmen,

recently elevated to the House

of Lords, got off to a flying start by refusing to shake hands

with the women in the studio,

apparently for fear that they

might be menstruating or otherwise "unclean".

ciously, and with the "respect"

always bestowed on religious

prejudice (but no other kind of

prejudice). The spokesman

then, when asked what harm

cloning might do, answered that atomic bombs were harm-

ful. No disagreement there,

but the discussion was in fact

supposed to be about cloning.

They took the insult gra-

Is George Carey out of favour because he's into

tambourines and singing?

# aaronov

Canterbury, George Carey, has not been asked to officiate at the confirmation of 14-yearold Prince William tomorrow. And then, the church's new Easter campaign - which was to use the logo of the X-Files, the "cult TV hit" (newspaper talk for very popular television series), plus an adapted slogan. "The Truth Is Here" – has had to he ditched for reasons of copyright. All of which further justifies – does it not?"

Take Truth Is Here" – has had to he ditched for reasons of copyright. All of which further justifies – does it not? — foreigned the less religious not ther justifies - does it not? -the growing criticism of Eng-land's established church as bumbling, ineffectual and

uncertain.

The Prince and Princess of Wales don't care for Carey. They have given the confirming job to the Bishop of Lon-don, the bearded Rt Rev Richard Chartres - an opponent of the ordination of women (too many breasts, apparently) - and a believer in the need to rediscover the flame to the faggots, have you power of prayer and worship. anything to say?" power of prayer and worship. This is ecclesiastical code for not doing too much to encourage gays or women. There is no record of what Prince William thinks of this choice, Indeed, we have no idea what Prince William believes. He may even be a secret Satanist.

But what extraordinary sin has joined the Waleses together in animosity towards the Archbishop? After all, what God has rent assinder, let no man reunite. Is it because singing? Because he calls the Queen Mum "dear"? Because he lacks the pallor of the Oxford library, or the manners of High Table?

Poor George. Even his name is against him. Was there, in Snow Wille, an eighth spiritual dwarf? In line behind Doc, Bashful, Happy, Sleepy, Grumpy, Dopey and Sneezy, may we find Carcy, the compassionate, slightly vague dwarf? Poor George, whose fate is to be praised by William Recs-Mogg as possessing a personality with a steady rather than a dramatic pulling power", who is (in Rees-Mogg's view) an "Aunt Ethel"

Archbishop. ls it all his fault, or the sorry pass arrived at by the church he eads? It is, after all, a "broad

church". But what kind of a rai-

A bad week for the Government; an awful week for the Church of England. First, the Archhishop of that says, "Come in, you're that says, "Come in, you're one of the fortunate few - all the others are going to burn!"

And what can you do with a church where all the most intelligent people spend much of their time disputing its own tenets? Several Bishops believe that the Book of Revgland, the less religious people become.

How can you feel flame in your heart for an institution whose greatest disputes involve columnists from the Daily Telegraph accusing hish-ops (as one did this week) of being in a "terrible state of inconsistency"? "You have come before this Holy Court charged with the moustrons and unnatural crime of inconsistency. Before the monks set

When they are not launching ill-fated trendy campaigns, cosying up to gays, re-stringing their acoustic guitars and ques-tioning the faith, they are to befound in territorial disputes that make Barchester Towers look like the Koran. Take Lincoln, where the Bishop won't pray in his own cathedral because of a vicious dispute between a Dean and a Canon. What a mess!

And thank God for it. Carey is into tambourines and Thank God that it is so incertain, inconsistent, mixed and muddled; that it has absorbed the energies and spiritual feelings of the religious among us. That there are no miracles. No shrouds. No milky statues. No smiting. No purges. No fiery crosses. No inquisitions. No flagellation. No dipping Jews or burning heretics. No such thing as heresy. No crusades. No bloody processions. No Church Militant.

instead we have the Heritage Church. We have the fund for the upkeep of the church spire, Clarry's turn to do the flowers, "that was a lovely service, vicar", Hymn 147, the parish newsletter, prayers for the poor, prayers for the Prince of Wales.

The churches are full in Croatia and the mosques are packed in Tehran.

# Dolly and the cloth-heads

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by Richard Dawkins



Religious lobbies have an inside track to influence and power: But, as their contribution to the debate on animal cloning shows, their views are a waste of time

about physics than about biology? But, no, having delivered himself of the daring false-hood that Einstein split the atom, he switched with confidence to geological history. He made the telling point that, since God laboured six days

scientists, too, ought to know when to call a halt. Now, either he really believed that the world was made in six days, in which case his ignorance alone disqualifies him from being taken seriously. Or, as the presenter charitably suggested, he intended the point purely as an allegory - in

Since it was his choice to shift the discussion to atomic bombs, perhaps he knew more Sometimes in life it is a

is a good idea to go on. The trick is to decide when to stop. The allegory of God resting on the seventh day cannot, in itself, tell us whether we have reached the right point to stop in some particular case. As allegory, the six-day-creation story is empty. As history, it is and then rested on the seventh,

false. So why bring it up? religion on the same panel was frankly confused. He feared that a human clone would lack individuality. It would not be a whole, separate human being which case it was a lousy

but a mere soulless automaton. When one of the scientists mildly suggested that he might be hurting the feelings of ident-

ical twins, he said that identical

artificial conditions. Once again, no disagreement about that. But weren't we talking about "individuality", and whether clones are "whole human heings" or souliess automata? This religious spokesman seemed simply unable to grasp

The representative of a rival that there were two separate arguments going on: first whether clones are autonomous individuals (in which case the unalogy with identical twins is inescapable and his fear groundless): and second. whether there is something

case. Why? Because they occur naturally, rather than under qualification in the IQ department desirable, too.

good idea to stop; sometimes twins were a quite different processes of reproduction (in which case other arguments should be deployed - but weren't). I don't want to sound uncharitable, but I respectfully submit to the producers who put together these panels that merely being a spokesman for a particular "tradition" or "community" may not be enough, Isn't a certain minimal

On a different panel, this time on radio, yet another religious leader was similarly perplexed by identical twins. He too had theological grounds for fearing that a clone would not be a separate individual and would therefore lack "dignity"

He was swiftly informed of the undisputed scientific fact that identical twins are clones of each other with the same genes, exactly like Dolly the sheep except that Dolly's clone is older. Did he really mean to say that identical twins (and we all know some) lack the dignity of separate individuality? His reason for denying the rele-vance of the twin analogy was even odder than the previous one. Indeed it was transparently self-contradictory.

He had great faith, he informed us, in the power of nurture over nature. Nurture is why identical twins are really different individuals. When you get to know a pair of twins, he pointed out triumphantly. they even look a hit different.

Er. quite so. And if a pair of clones were separated by 50 years, wouldn't their respective nurtures be even more different? Haven't you just shot yourself in your theological foot? He just didn't get it - but, after all, he hadn't been chosen for his ability to follow an

Religious lobbies, spokes-men of "traditions" and "com-munities", enjoy privileged access not only to the media but to influential committees of the great and the good, to the House of Lords (as I mentioned above), and to boards of school governors.

Their views are regularly sought, and heard with exaggerated "respect", by parliamentary committees. Religious spokesmen and spokeswomen enjoy an inside track to influence and power which others have to earn through their own whility or expertise.

What is the justification for

this? Maybe there is a good reason, and I'm ready to he persuaded by it. But, on the face of it, isn't there more just ification for choosing expert witnesses for their knowledge and accomplishments as individuals, than because they represent some group or class of person.' Come to think of it, in the light of all those worries about lack of individuality among clones, isn't there a touch of irony here? Maybe even a useful allegory? Ah, now, you're talking!

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# Rough guide to Blair's tartan trouble

he "project" was to do for Eng-land what Labour had done in Middle Scotland: appeal to the type of voter with two cars and a driveway who lived around John Smith's Edinburgh home. Five years on, the project has been so successful that Labour is facing up to the unusual sen-sation, at its inverness conference this weekend, of being less popular in Scotland than it is south of the Tweed. The reason? Apparently simple.

> mto the mix, Labour at the last poll had 46 per cent of intending voters, down six points, with Nationalists at 26, Tories on 16 and rural pockets of Liberal Democrats up to 10 per cent. Competing against three opponents has created problems for New Labour. Whereas it is designed to appeal to the English centre ground, the SNP poses a serious risk to Tony Blair's troops by

Scotland has four-party politics. If you put the Scotlish National Party (SNP)

attracting those on the left and undermining the heartlands vote. But perhaps the reason is not as simple as it looks. The ease with which votes switch away from Labour may reflect the fact that it has been the political Establishment in Scotland throughout the Conservative years powerless in Westminster while domuant in the nation's council chambers. This week saw local authorities setting their budgets in the toughest round of spending cuts yet. Edinburgh is to shed 30 jobs, and on Thursday faced a Unison shutdown of many services in protest. In Glasgow, teachers were on strike for the first time in a decade. The blame is aimed at the Government, but no one is in any doubt that Gordon Brown's budgets - aimed at reassuring Middle England - would do

Labour faces an army of trouble-makers within its own ranks in Scotland.

now finds itself less popular there than south of the Tweed.

Unusually, it By Douglas Fraser

hittle to help. Disillusion in Scotland's ciated with Labour's home rule wing. huge public sector workforce has set in already.

This might be good training for Labour in power, but has created fissures within the party. Talk of New Labour versus Old is misleading; there is a Home Rule Labour cause as well. Last summer, Labour, along with the Liberal Democrats, trade unions, churches and assorted others, agreed a plan for creating a Scottish Parlia-ment with the power to raise tax 3p

above the UK rate, backed by the promise from Tony Blair that it would be legislated for in the first session of a Labour administration. But the Tories were warning of the break-up of Britain, and their Scottish Secretary. Michael Forsyth, was making mis-chief with claims of a "tartan tax". Somewhere between the offices of Blair and Shadow Scottish Secretary George Robertson, the policy was changed. Such constitutional reform required a referendum, they announced, asking first if the Scots wanted a parliament and second if

they wanted it to have tax powers. Leadership loyalists suggest this was an overdue dose of reality for a policy which had more to do with Caledonian sentimentality than with get-ting a bill through Westminster. It is argued the two questions, if approved, would embed constitutional change and blunt the tartan tax attacks. But the manner of the change caused fury in the Scottish party. Tony Blair appeared to be backtracking on a promise. And this seemed precisely the kind of policy aimed at winning Middle England, but losing Scottish support to the Nationalists. Devolution spokesman John McAllion, asso-

hadn't even been told, and he resigned. A threatened rebellion by Labour's Scottish executive was quelled only by a desperate plea for party unity. Fac-ing turmoil, Robertson invited ridicule by hastily shifting ground again to propose two referendums, before and after legislation - though within a week he had U-turned again, increas-ing the chances that early May will see

European affairs at which he excelled. Although the leadership prevailed, the episode left a trail of ill will, not least with those who had won. A group emerged earlier this year, conspiratorially named The Network, dedicated to ensuring such an embarrassment could never happen again. Though few admit to membership, it was deemed to be hehind an attempt

him return to the relative calm of

to oust the Stroppy Jock tendency from the Scottish executive, the unwieldy focus of activist plotting. So for all the show of pre-election unity in Inverness, there are two loose groupings ready to emerge more prominently after 1 May. On one side are the loyalist leadership supporters such as George Robertson and Jack McConnell, the party's top official in Scotland. Some see them as continu-ing a tradition of Labour's old right. where Robertson once belonged though McConnell didn't. Some members are appalled at the tactics of those who opposed the policy change last summer. And finding common cause are those who see the new policy as the best way to limit the extent of Scottish home rule. Tam Dalvell, creator of the fahled West Lothian question, is not alone; there are others, such as Brian

Wilson, with an anti-devolution past,

and senior councillors who don't want to lose their powers to an Edinhurgh legislature.

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Against them are ranged home rulers such as trade unionist Bill Speirs and veteran home rule activist Bob McLean, determined to push the cause if the leadership takes fright again. There is the left - now hranded Old Labour - through not necessarily keen on devolution, and also the awkward, oppositionist tendency, given to mistrust of Blair. Count MPs such as George Galloway and Dennis Canavan in all three categories.

New Lahour has the momentum and the fire-power until the election. And it is clearly using it in a hid to ensure that a prospective Lahour administration in Edinhurgh does not go completely native. One of the main threats to the constitutional reform is of antagonism between Edinburgh and London resulting in growing demands for separatism.

Yet the closer a Scottish parliament comes, the more the mechanics of it seem to dampen enthusiasm. Labour activists who identified as primarily Scottish when the English party was doing badly have less reason to do so now that they are close to power on both sides of the Border. And the real test of the commitment to an Edinhurgh parliament may come when senior figures have to decide if their future lies there or in Westminster. George Robertson has been forced into saying he would opt to go north. Robin Cook, Gordon Brown, Donald Dewar and Brian Wilson, however. may find the attractions of Whitehall keep them there. After all. Scotland has a long tradition of exporting its best talent to the benefit of the English.

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# Littlewoods backs out of Freemans deal

Nigel Cope

Littlewoods yesterday unexpectedly backed out of its £395m deal to buy the Freemans home shopping business from Sears after learning that the Selfridges to British Shoe group had received approaches from other bidders.

The leading candidate is N Brown, the Manchester mail order company controlled by Sir David Alliance who has made no secret of his interest in acquiring Freemans. Though other possible buyers could include Pinault Printemp-La Redoute

which owns the Empire stores operadon in the UK and Otto Versand, the German group which owns Grattan, N Brown is considered by analysts as being the most serious bidder.

Littlewoods withdrew from the fray after it was told that Sears was in active negotiations with other parties. Littlewoods had insisted on exclusive negotiation rights and was thought to be angered by Sears actions.

Sears said it had received appreaches from "a number of par-ries". Though N Brown, is the frontrunner it is understood that

Lanica Trust, the tiny investment vehicle controlled by 31-year-old Andrew Regan had been interested though it is not clear if he

has made a formal approach.

There is speculation that any delay in the deal could spell the end for Sears' chief executive. Liam Strong, who has been under pressure from institutions frustrated at the group's lacklustre performance.

He has been keen to sell Freemans quickly in order to fulfil his promise of returning £410m to shareholders. The Littlewoods deal hit a snag when it

Monopolies and Mergers Commission last month.

Mr Strong emphasised the need for speed yesterday: "It remains the hoard's intention to achieve the price expected for Freemans and to return the cash to ordinary shareholders. We are committed to achieving this in the shortest possible

Though Sears shares fell 0.5p to 81.5p on the news, analysts said the development should be viewed positively. "Initially it seems to suggest that Sears

was unexpectedly referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Com- that Sears has committed itself to returning £410m to shareholders and is looking at the best way to achieve that

Littlewoods said it was disappointed with the outcome but said it was still interested in buying Freemans if Sears' other options collapsed, "We still want to do this deal with them but felt that if they did not want to ne-

gotiate with us exclusively then there was no reason to pursue it." Littlewoods has informed the MMC that its discussions with Sears have been terminated.

However, it is still possible that the MMC will continue its investigation. It can ask the DTI to lay aside a merger inquiry if it is satisfied that the merger has been terminated. With no formal confirmation yet received from Littlewoods, the MMC

have an on-going inquiry". Littlewoods said the collapse of its deal had no implications for the proposed sale it announced earlier this week of its high street stores which it is hoping will fetch up to £600m.

However, analysts said the

said that "at the moment we still

position was now "more interesting" and questioned whether Littlewoods would be able to find a buyer for the whole chain at the price it is seeking.

The capture of Freemans would mark a coup for N Brown which occupies a small niche in direct mail order catalogues aimed principally at older cus-tomers. But, though it is relatively small, it is regarded as one of the most efficient mail order groups in the country with state-of-theart database management skills

and distribution systems. The company mounted a

£1bn-plus bid for the Littlewoods empire in 1995 in conjunction with Iceland. Though rejected by the group's family shareholders. that deal would have seen N Brown take the home shopping division, with Iceland retaining the high street stores while the Littlewoods pools business would

have been sold. N Brown has a market share of slightly more than 4 per cent, and it is unlikely that its purchase of Freemans, which has 8 per cent, would attract the attention of the competition authorities.

### Cable firms steal a march on Murdoch

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

The cable industry took a huge step towards consolidation yesterday when the three largest operators announced a supplier of set-top boxes for planned digital television services, leapfrogging a similar decision widely ex-pected by satellite rival, BSkyB.

The move brings together Telewest Communications, the largest cable company, with Bell Cablemedia and Nynex Cable-Centrus in a broad collaboration which will involve combined purchasing and greater co-operation over marketing strategies.

The three partners have chosen General Instrument Corporation, a large US electronics company, to supply the set-top boxes, which enable customers

to decode digital TV signals. Telewest said General Instrumeot planned to supply hundreds of thousands of boxes by the end of 1998.

Further suppliers may be asked to sub-contract manufacturing later, though the an-nouncement is a setback for Pace Micro Technology, the small UK company which had hoped to sell its digital decoder to the

cable companies and BSkyB. Significantly, the three cable operators also pledged to cootinue the partnership after Bell and Nynex merge with Cable & Wireless's telephone subsidiary Mercury later this year to form a £5bn cable giant. C&W Communications. Other cable companies are also likely to join the alliance over the oext few

### Second setback for Sky's German hopes

BSkyB is pulling out of a fundamental issnes." It did not disclose further details. with Germany's Kirch Group. Analysts said this was a further setback to BSkyB's bopes of domioating the Enropean digital pay-TV market, writes

The hreakdows, of the joint venture is BSkyB's second failed attempt to enter Germany, Eu-

rope's higgest media market. Separately, F.SkyB has oot explained why it has delayed awarding contracts for the supply of digital TV decoders for its UK digital pay-TV service, planned to begin by the end of

BSkyB's shares fell as much as 4.2 per cent in early trading hefore recovering to close at 616.5p, down 7p. The company, which is 40 per cent owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, said the companies ended talks by mutual agreement "because of a failure tu agree on a number of

The aborted venture with Kirch casts a shadow over BSkyB's attempts to move into digital satellite TV in Europe after it failed earlier to agree terms with Kirch's rival Bertelsmann.

There has been a year-long scramble among TV hroadcasters in Europe to seize control of a market made possible by digital TV technology that promises many more channels and bigger revenues.

BSkyB wanted access to the 1.5 million subscribers to Premiere, a German pay-TV movie channel owned by Bertels-mann, Kirch and Canal Plus of France. It planned to buy shares from Bertelsmann and Canal Plus, which each own 37.5 per cent. In return, Kirch said it would provide the network for Bertelsmann's Club RTL, a package of digital TV programming to begin in the autumn.

General Cable, offering a single digital alternative to BSkyB. A spokesman for Telewest id: "We are working very closely with the new executive

team at C&W Communications. We are now working together on other services, including a joint electronic programme guide which steers customers through the new services on offer."

Telewest said one big advantage of its service was that cusiomers would not have to buy the boxes, instead paying the cost of the equipment as part of a moothly subscription. BSkyB intends to ask customers to pay about £200 for their boxes, a price subsidised to encourage a strong take-up of the service.

When the service begins in October or November, cable customers will be offered many more television channels than the average of 50 on analogue cable TV, along with internet access and video-oo-demand. Telewest said it was talking to banks, supermarkets and other retailers about further interac-

tive services to come in 1998. News of the supply deal came as a surprise to industry experts, who had thought BSkyB would be the first group to announce a firm agreement to supply settop boxes for its digital satellite service, planned to start towards the end of this year. Rupert Murdoch, head of News Corporation BSkyB's largest shareholder, is thought to have chaired a board meeting at the group in London last Tuesday to finalise a deal.

Analysts played down the rivalry with BSkyB, arguing that the new digital cable service will follow existing cable policy in offering Sky programming alongside other channels.

Mathew Horsman, media analyst with stockbrokers Heoderson Crosthwaite said: "This is consistent with Sky's view that the company will be the plat-form for all kinds of delivery systems, including satellite and cable. But this is a great deal for the cable industry and a sign that operators are getting their act together and consolidating.

Appointment puts final piece of the jigsaw into place at reshaped group



Top tier: Sir John Craven says there is no conflict of interest in his new position

Lourho, the mining, hotels and trading group, yesterday com-pleted the overhaul of its board following the departure of the German financier Dieter Bock by appointing a senior banker. Sir John Craven, as noo-executive chairman, writes Michael

Harrison. Sir John, 56, former chief executive of the investment bank Morgan Grenfell will take over the £120,000 a year post from the current Lonrho chairman, Sir John Leahy, after the company's annual meeting on 26

Morgan Grenfell, now owned by Deutsche Bank, is Lourho's financial adviser and Sir John remains chairman of Deutsche

### Sir John Craven chairs Lonrho

Morgan Grenfell Group, part of Deutsche's investment bank-ing divisioo. However, Sir John anticipate that will continue to be the case." Sir John, who has several said there was no conflict of in-

other directorships, said he would not be devoting a fixed proportion of his time to Lourbo terest since his sole role at the hank now was to hring in new but would be available to its chief "My position at Loorho is an executive Nick Morrell whenever entirely personal one," said Sir necessary. His role will be to help John "It has nothing to do with in strategic development. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

Mr Morrell is expected to out-They are Lonrho's financial line his plans for the group in May or June after the European Comadvisers and I would hope and

Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

mission has ruled on whether the South African mining group Angle American can keep its 28 per cent stake in Lourho. Mr Bock agreed to sell his 18.8 per cent stake in Lourho

to Anglo for £257m last October and step down as chief executive. Earlier this week Mr Bock severed all links with Lourho by resigning as non-executive deputy chairman. With the Metropole hotel

chain sold to Stakis and the Princess hotel business up for auction, the plan is to demerge Lourho's African trading businesses and other non-mining interests this summer. But these plans depend on whether Brus-

### Lloyd's agent is fined £60,000

Banking Correspondent

Sedgwick Oakwood Lloyd's Underwriting Agents has been fined £60,000 by the regulatory division at Lloyd's of London. This is the largest fine that the insurance market has levied

against a firm. The penalty was one of six issued against Lloyd's agents or brokers in the last three months, according to statistics published for the first time by the insur-

ance market yesterday. During the period, one underwriting agent and one broking firm were de-regis-tered, Lloyd's said.

A spokesman for the insurance market said the figures gave the first indication of the activities of the new regulatory regime introduced in the summer under David Gittings, who was hired from the Securities and Futures Authority, the City

regulator. Last August Lloyd's speeded up and revised its regulatory procedures and introduced new

fixed penalities. Lloyd's said yesterday that during 1996 some 55 formal warnings were issued while so far this year 20 warnings have been issued for compliance breaches.

Last year Lloyd's also introduced an individual registration process which has so far resulted in 32 applications being withdrawn or refused and 38 restricted by the imposition of conditions.

Lloyd's said Segwick Oakwood, formerly known as Sedg-wick Lloyd's Underwriting Agents (SLUA), had admitted two charges of misconduct for which it had received two separate fines of £35,000 and £25,000. In assessing the penalty, Lloyd's took into account the fact that SLUA initially put up the sum of £637,000 as security for the underwriting activities of the seven South African names sels hlocks Anglo's investment. I to which the problem related.

### European inflation in January

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### Italy and Spain fail EMU inflation test

**Yvette Cooper** 

Four European member states, including Italy and Spain, would fail to qualify for economic and monetary union on the basis of their current inflation records, according to new figures released yesterday from

The data casts fresh doubt on whether the Italian economy in particular will be in strong enough shape for the lira to take part in a single currency from

The critical question for Italy. Spain and Portugal will be whether they can get their inflation performance to converge towards their European partners during the next twelve months. EU leaders are ex-

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pected to meet in April, 1998, o decide which nations will be in the first group to adopt the

According to the Maastricht Treaty, member states joining EMU must have an average rate of inflation that does not exceed the inflation performance of the three best performing countries by more than 1.5 percentage

Eleven out the 15 member states currently meet this criteria, according to figures issued by the European Commission. However, Spain, Portugal and Greece fail the EMU inflation test, on the basis of new harmonised measures of inflation. Italy meets the Maastricht criteria if only one month's fig-

ures are taken into account. But

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oo the European Commission's preferred method of defining the Maastricht criteria to consider twelve months of data, then Italy still fails the inflation test,

The new EU inflation measure, the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices, calculates inflation on a comparable basis. by measuring the price changes of the same goods in each country. At the moment national indices are based on very different baskets of goods, and on different statistical methods to calculate averages. The discrepancies between national measures and the new EU index are widest for Sweden and the UK. The HICP measures UK infladon at 2.1 per cent in January, whilst the most com-

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monly used UK measure, RPI-X was 3.1 per cent. The new HICP for Germany

shows inflation at 1.7 per cent, compared to the German consumer price index which stands at 1.8 per cent. For France, the national and EU measures of inflation co-incide at 1.8 percent.

The three lowest inflation countries in January were Sweden, Finland and Luxemburg. An unweighted average of their inflation performance is 1.2 per cent, putting the Maas-tricht ceiling 1.5 perceotage points higher at 2.7 per cent. preferred way to calculate the

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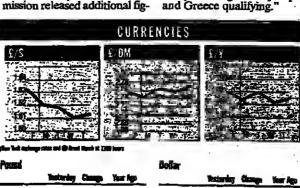
twelve month period. The Com-

However, the Commission's iflation criteria is to examine

ures to show the average inflation performance of member states over the last year, on the harmonised index.

By this measure, the three best performing countries were Germany, Finland and Sweden, with an average inflation rate over the twelve month period of 1.1 per cent, producing a Maastricht ceiling of 2.6 per cent. Italian inflation averaged over the last twelve months is 3.7 per cent, well above the criteria if measured in this way.

A spokesman for economics and monetary affairs commissioner Yves-Thibault de Silguy said: "Using the harmonised index you get all the countries except Portugal, Italy, Spain and Greece qualifying."



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# Gas suppliers split on date for Scotland

Chris Godsmark

Independent gas suppliers com-peting for a slice of British Gas's business are split over whether to bring forward the next phase of domestic cometition to a new start date in October, it emerged yesterday. The Gas Forum, which rep-

esents most independent suppliers in the residential and commercial markets, has written to Lord Fraser, Energy Minister, urging the Government to offer competition to a further 2.5 million homes later this year.

Roger Turner, managing thrector of United Gas and a chairman of the Forum, said the plan was to introduce competition to the whole of Scotland m October.

The move would need an amendment to 1995 legislation which says nationwide competition cannot take place earlier than 1998. The target preferred by TransCo, the pipeline busi-ness of British Gas, is for no further trials before next April, The letter explains: "lechni-

cally adding another region during 1997 would require an order to be laid before Parliament and we believe that the government should take this necessary action. in the very near future." . Mr Turner said: "It makes so much logistical sense to keep up

the momentum. The idea is that we would kick off with another phase comprising Scotland and some of Northern England, though the centre of gravity of the process would still be April 1998."

However, a postscript to the letter said it did not represent the views of three large sup-pliers: Quadrant, run by Esso and Shell, Mobil and Calortex, a joint venture between Calor and Texaco. Calortex, which claims to have grabbed the most customers in trials so far, described the letter as "irre-

Neil Lambert, Calortex's joint general manager, said he was "frankly very annoyed" by the letter. "We think the next trial should take place as early as possible once the systems run by TransCo are able to handle it. This letter is saying we should go whether the systems are in place or not."

Mr Lambert said he saw no reason to disbelieve claims by TransCo that it needed a crucial few months breathing space to complete new computer systems which would support customer databases to track households as they switched supplier.

Yesterday competition was extended to a further 900,000 homes in Kent and Sussex, on top of the 1.1 million in trials in the South-west of England.

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The criticism I would make of Mr Lilley is that he hasn't gone far enough, though to be fair, he's probably gone about as far as any politician would dare just ahead of a general election'

### We have further to go on pension reform

ast December the International Monetary
From the underlying merits of what Mr Lilley
from the underlying merits of what Mr Lilley
is trying to do here. Indeed the criticism I
would make of Mr Lilley is that he hasn't gone fund published a paper called 'Aging Populations and Public Pensions Policy'. This might not seem like a title to set the pulse racing but it should nevertheless be essential reading for anyone interested in the background to the Government's announcement this week of plans to privatise the basic state pension, changing it, in the process, from a tax funded pay as you go scheme to a funded in-

vestment approach.

The study finds that existing public pension arrangements are beginning to contribute to serious fiscal stresses in most industrial countries, and that these can only get much worse over the next few decades in the absence of appropriate reform. The countries most at risk are those that rely heavily on pay as you go schemes, where pension liabilities are funded out of current Government revenue. Among the developed countries, these are Germany, France, Italy and the UK.

The paper then goes on to examine the various options for reform, including - surprise, surprise - the exact same one as that proposed by Peter Lilley and the Government. It just goes to show that there's no such thing as a new idea in politics. Actually, the trail proposed by the Government has already been biazed by Chile and a number of other Latin American countries, inviting some uncharifar enough, though, in he fair, he's probably gone about as far as any politician would dare just ahead of a general election.

Britain approaches the problem of state pension liabilities from a very different perspective to that of other European countries. In Britain the problem is not so much the growing cost of our pay as you go arrange-ments as their inability to deliver a decent level of benefit. The flat rate state pension is not a living wage and the benefit offered by Serps (the state earnings related scheme) is also madequate for most people.

This is the very reverse of the position in Germany, France and Italy, where the promised benefits are very generous but the tax raised to pay for them increasingly inadequate. The challenge for Britain is to find ways of forcing up the level of benefit with-out significantly adding to the burden of taxation; the challenge on the Continent is the arguably even more difficult one of curting benefit to a level that the Government can

The differing nature of the problem requires correspondingly differing approaches to reform. On the Continent the emphasis has to be on adjusting both contributions and bentable comparisons with the economics of the barrana republic. None of this should detract line. In Britain, raising the level of benefit

requires people to recognise that they need to save more during their working lives or London School of Economics, National Insur-

Long term demographic trends towards a more aged population are greatly enhancing the nature of the problem. People are living longer, and they have fewer children with the result that fewer and fewer workers are paying for the retirement of more and more pensioners. According to the IMF, there are approximately four people of working age in Britain at the moment for every one person

of pensionable age.

This ratio falls to a level of a hit more than two to one by the middle of the next century. If you think this a sorry state of affairs, the outlook in Germany and Italy is much, much worse. In Germany last year, the ratio was a bttle bit better than Britain. But by the middle of the next century there will be fewer than 1.5 workers for every pensioner. The prognosis for Italy is worse still. Factor children into this calculation and you are left with the bizarre spectacle of less than one worker for each dependent (defined as those below the age of 15 or above the age of 65). Japan faces an equally daunting future. Official policies to restrict child birth will make China the most aged population of the lot.

So in some respects, Britain is sitting pretty. Its aging problem is not as severe as that of many other countries and its pay as you go arrangements are mean enough to be present state pension. If that sounds like

ance contributions as they stand are easily sufficient to fund present arrangements into the indefinite future. Indeed there may be scope

So why doesn't the Government just leave well alone? Even the IMF concedes that the fiscal cost of introducing a fully funded scheme in place of a defined benefit pay as you go system may be very high. "Meeting these costs may require, in many cases, an amount of fiscal adjustment that is substantially higher than what would be needed to fix

the pay as you go system", the IMF paper says.
As it is the extra fiscal cost for Britain is relatively small, if only because present arrangements pay out so little in benefit. This makes the transition to a fully funded system just about feasible where others would find it next to impossible. Indeed the Government claims that by changing the tax treatment of private occupational and personal pension schemes, it can actually make the whole thing pretty much fiscally neutral. We will see.

The upshot, in any case, is that at some stage in the dim and distant future, the Government will be shot of the £40bn a year cost of providing state pensions altogether and the fully funded scheme will be yielding a flat rate pension for all at least three times higher than the

magic, it's actually just slight of hand. The extra benefit is derived from the effect over many years of an accumulated investment return. As for getting shot of the liability, that comes at a heavy cost to the present generation of tax pavers who must continue to fund the costs of pensions during the transitional period while progressively being deprived of the National Insurance contribution of those oining the workforce

In other words, it is us, the present generation, who pay for the lower taxes and higher public pensions of the next generation. All very noble, I'm sure, but would anyone actu-ally want to vote for it? Even John Major concodes that of itself, this is not a great vote winner. Labour believes it to be a positive vote

Whatever. The truth of the matter is that whoever wins the next election is going to have to do something about long term pension ben-efits. Even Mr Lilley's funded public pension delivers a level of benefit too low to live on. The solution is to go further - to persuade or compel people to save a much larger proportion of their earnings than the piddling lit-tle amounts envisaged in this proposal. The justification for compulsion in this case is an obvious one. Forcing people to save for their old age is in essence just a privatised form of taxation, only at least everyone knows what the money is eventually going to be spent on.

## Finance minister warns Nomura of 'severe measures'

Richard Lloyd Parry

Nomura, the world's largest to the tune of Y128bn (£623m) stockbroking house, was yes-terday warned by Hiroshi The company was forced to Mitsuzuka, Japan's finance min-suspend stock trading at 87 ister, that he would "take severe measures" against the company if investigations into suspected unauthorised trading were confirmed.

The warning came a day. after Nomura said it suspected that two of its directors in Japan had paid millions of yen of illegal trading profits to a gangster, and amid-strong rumours that Hideo Sakamaki. president of Nomura, would resign soon over the affair.

lar case, we must take strict measures," said Mr Mitsuzuka. The company could have its operations suspended for up to six months, according to an official at the finance ministry's securices bureau. He added that Nomura could also be fined if the trades breached criminal codes.

Nomura was punished by the

after it discovered that the company had compensated large clients for losses on investments

branches for four weeks. News of the latest scandal led Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who is pushing through plans to deregulate Japan's financial markets, to ask yesterday: "Why do these things keep happening?" However,

ity for the scandal. He would be from companies. the second Nomina president to quit in the space of seven years: his predecessor resigned after

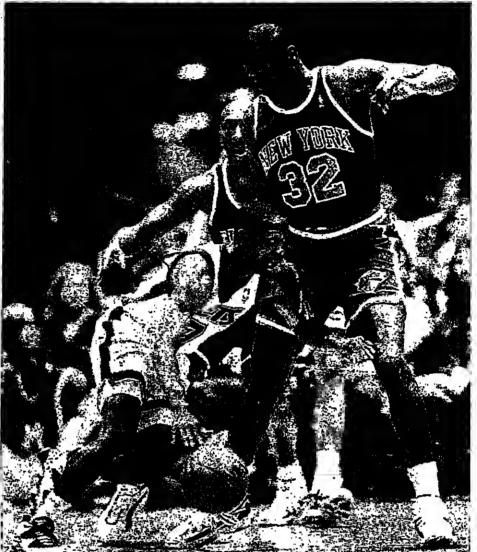
a similar incident in 1990. A spokesman for Nomura said yesterday that he knew nothing about Mr Sakamaki's intentions; and said he could not Finance Ministry back in 1991 make any further comment

about the president's position or about the exact amount of money that is alleged to have been siphoned out of Nomura by the two directors.

Fallout from the scandal continued to undermine Nomura's share price on an otherwise generally good day of trading on Japan's stock market. Nomura's shares fell 3 per cent to Y1,530 in Tokyo, in contrast to the overall gains of almost 1 per regis-tered by the Nikkei 225 index.

According to press reports in he failed to mention that here signed as Finance Minister in Nomura illegally dealt stocks 1991 after the ministry had from the company's own acconsistently failed to prevent count and transferred the profinancial scandals. Speculation was filed in love undamed company had close yesterday Mr Sat finals will family links with a sokatya – a step down to take desponsibil- racketeer who extores money

> "We are profoundly sorry for engaging in transactions which should not have taken place," said Atsushi Saito, a vice president of Nomura. According to one report, five illegal "discretionary trades" were carried out by the two directors since 1993.



### ITT sells sports teams to fend off Hilton bid

John Willcock

ITT has agreed to sell the New York Knicks basketball team. the New York Rangers hockey team, the MSG Cablevision network, and half of Madison Square Garden in New York, in an attempt to fend off a hostile bid from Hilton Hotels Corpo-

New York-based ITT is selling the lot to its business partner Cablevision Systems for \$650m (£405m) in cash and uptions and \$115m in debt.

In January Hilton Hotels Corporation, based in Beverley Hills, California, launched a \$10.5bn bostile takeover offer for ITT. The company rejected the bid as too low and said it would fight hard to remain independent.

By selling assets such as its interest in Madison Square Garden, where the Knicks and the Rangers play, ITT intends to reinvest the proceeds in its faster-growing casino and hotel

businesses.
"\$650m is a very good price." said Dennis Forst, an analyst at McDonald & Co in New York vesterday. An ITT spokesman said

We've brought in close to a hillion dollars in the last 30 days. and there's still more to come, said Jim Gallagher, the company's spokesman, vesterday.

more asset sales were planned.

Cablevision Systems will increase its 50 per cent stake in Madison Square Garden to 88.5 per cent via the sale, and ITT has the right to sell Cablevision the rest for another \$150m during the next two

Cablevision and ITT completed their joint acquisition of Mudison Square Garden from Viscom, the media giant, for \$1bn in March 1995. If it exercises its option to sell its en-tire stake. ITT, which has been criticised for over-paying for assets, would reap about \$150m more than it paid.

 ITT had planned to tie Madison Square Garden into its hotel and casino business, but this never materialised.

Analysis and investors have said Madison Square Garden was too regional in scope to provide any benefit to ITT's Ceasar's World casinos and Sheraton hotel chain, which are national or international

### IN BRIEF

### Aerospatiale expects doubled profits

Acrospatiale, the French aerospace and defence group, forecast that net profits would more than double this year to Fr1.6bn (£171m) thanks to rising civil aircraft deliveries, cost-saving measures and the strength of the dollar. The company expects sales to reach Fr60bn this year and Airbus, in which it has a 37.9 per cent stake, to deliver 190 aircraft compared with 126 in 1996.

Last year Aerospatiale swung back into the black with net income of Fr812m on sales of Fr51bn compared with a net loss of Fr981m in 1995. Airbus contributed Fr1.175bn in operating income in 1996 but overall profits were held back by losses of Fr224m in the helicopter division.

### **SFA acts over Robson Cotterell**

The Securities and Futures Authority has reprimanded and suspended David Porter from the register of representatives for a year from 2 December 1996, fined him £10,000 and ordered him to pay costs of £10,360. The SFA said it also reprimanded Mr Porter's former employer, Robson Cotterell, fined it £20,000 and ordered it to pay £10,000 costs for failing to adequately monitor and supervise his activities and for failing to ensure that his trading complied with SFA rules.

Mr Porter's suspension relates to his allegedly churning the port-folios of two clients, the SFA said. "Between January and November 1994, Mr Porter undertook 188 and 189 trades respectively on the accounts of two clients. Stocks were repeatedly traded rather than held and a number of stocks were traded on four or more occasions during the period," the SEA said. It added that Robson Cotterell is required to refund a proportion of commission and other charges paid by the two clients.

### Cater Allen to buy Aitken Campbell

Cater Allen has reached an outline agreement to acquire Union's market-making subsidiary, Aitken Campbell. Union announced last week that, as part of its reorganisation, it would pull out of proprietary trading businesses, adding that negotiations to dispose of Aitken Campbell were at an advanced stage. Union also advised the Bank of England that it wished to terminate a money market counterparty relationship with the bank, adding that it will run out outstanding positions in the next few

### Rights to fund Saville Gordon deal

J Saville Gordon Group is buying Rutland Industrial Estates and making a five-for-six, £43,1m rights issue at 55p a share. The company said that Rutland had conditionally agreed to acquire two ndustrial property portfolios for £46.34m with annual net rental income of £5.44m. The £605,000 consideration for Rutland will be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 be satisfied through an issue of 530,000 new shares and £75,000 new shares and cash. Additionally, Roger Carey, formerly a group managing director of Slough Estates, has been appointed chief executive of

### Greggs boosts profits by 20%

Greggs, the rapidly expanding bakery chain, reported a rise of almost 20 per cent in pre-tax profits to £15.6m for 1996, and lifted the dividend total from 20p to 32p. Mike Darrington, managing director, said profits in the first nine weeks of this year were in line with budget and were ahead of the same period last year. We look forward to reporting satisfactory progress over the year as a whole," he said.

### US judgment almost wipes out GKN profits Chris Godsmark

Profits at GKN, one of the UK's largest engineering groups, were yesterday almost wiped out after a US court judge ordered the company to pay \$591m (£370m) in damages over a dispute involving its American car exhaust business.

**Business Correspondent** 

The timing of the final judgment was a complete surprise

iust bours after the company had reported record pre-tax profits for 1996 of £363m. The group said it would now be making a provision of £270m off the headline profit figures, reducing the figure for last year to £92.8m.

However GKN said it was unlikely it would have to pay the cash to the court in Charlotte. North Carolina, until the out-

to GKN executives, coming come of an appeal before a panel of judges, which could take more than 18 months. The company also said the damages would he reduced by a third because some of the 1,000 US franchisees bringing the case had dropped out of the claim. The jury's previous recommendation bad heen for damages of up to \$554m.

The news sent GKN shares out of the mainstream running surging ahead in late stock of the company. But we still

market, reflecting investors' bave to go through the agonisrelief that the scale of the problem had effectively been capped and that previous estimates of damages of \$740m had proved 100 pessimistic. The shares closed 46p higher at £10.20p.

A GKN spokesman said: We're now on more certain ground and we can get the case

ing stage-by-stage appeals process

The long-running case was brought hy garage owners across the US who operated franchise outlets for GRN's American car exhaust fitting service, called Micneke Discount Muffler Shops. They had claimed GKN had defrauded them by allegedly concealing

by the garages to the group's in-house US advertising agency. However the early indication was that the claim would not excoed \$31m including interest. Analysis pointed out that GKN was building up its cash reserves at the rate of £100m every year, so if the appeal took two years to come to court the company could have amassed almost enough funds to cover commission payments made the dantages.

### **US job figures boost** markets on both sides of the Atlantic

John Willcock

A favourable mix of US employment and earnings figures boosted stock and bond markets on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday, as investors concluded that the Federal Reserve would not bave to raise interest rates soon.

The February non-farm pay-

roll numbers from the US were ahead of analysts' expectations but were offset by weaker-thanexpected average hourly

The FTSE-100 index closed 20.9 points higher at a record 4420.2, while the Dow Industrials index in New York rallied more than 50 points in late morning trading yesterday and triggered the exchange's antomatic curbs on index-arbitrage trades.

The US Labor Department said average hourly earnings in February rose by 3 cents, or 0.2 per cent, a smaller rise than analysts expected. At the same time, 339,000 jobs were created last month, the most since May and more than the 231,000 jobs forecast. The US jobless rate fell to 5.3 per cent from 5.4 per cent

The report offered relief to some investors, who said the Fed's chairman, Alan Greenspan, would not now have to act im-

mediately to raise interest rates to curb growth and inflation.

Today's numbers are not enough to bang your bat on for a tightening, said Barbara Kenworthy, who helps manage \$8bn of bunds for Prudential Mutual Funds in Newark, New

The US bond market rose strongly and helped to underpin the Dow's rise. Immediately after the release of the figures US bonds fell about 1 point, or \$10 per \$1,000 bond, before rebounding in a matter of eight minutes. The benchmark 30year bond rose about a quarter of a point, pushing its yield down 2 hasis points to 6.86 per

The Fed next meets to debate monetary policy on 25 March. Mr Greenspan has left the target for the overnight bank lending rate at 5.25 per cent since January 1996.

President Clinton welcomed the 5.3 per cent rate for US jobless in February as "good news for American workers" and said he wanted to work with Congress to pass a balanced hudget.

'It's time to keep this American job engine on the move by passing a balanced budget plan that invests in education and our future." he said.

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### Property recovery gives boost to builders

The recovery in property prices has started to feed through to housebuilding activity, according to new figures from the Department of the Environment. The upturn in housebuilding ensured that the fourth quarter of 1996 was the busiest period for

the construction industry since 1991, allowing for price increases and seasonal factors.

However, the pace of the upturn in construction is slow. The total volume of output rose by I per cent between the third and fourth quarters, and the final period in 1996 was only 1 per cent above the same three months in 1995.

The volume of repair and maintenance work was unchanged on the third quarter and on the same period in the previous year. The volume of

new construction work, though, was up 3 per cent in the fourth quarter. A strong increase in private sector work was offset by a decline in the public sector. New private housing projects led the way with an increase of

10 per cent over the third quarter and 23 per cent above the fourth quarter of 1995. New infrastructure work, tak-

fourth quarter. 2 per cent yearon-year. New construction work in the private commercial sector was up 2 per cent and 9 per in the industrial sector fell 3 per cent on the guarter and was un-

changed on the year. In January this year the building of 17.000 homes was started in the UR, compared with 12,700 in the same month in ing in roads, power stations and 12.70 bridges, was 5 per cent up in the 1996.



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# Footsie takes cue from Wall Street and breaks 4,400

### FTSE 100 +21.0 4420.3 FTSE 250 4713.9 the FTSE 100 index yesterday, **FTSE 350** ending 21 points ahead at a new closing high of 4,420.3. new closing high of 4,420.3. The stock market took its cue joining in the surge. But analysts urged caution. SEAQ VOLUME from Wall Street, where the Dow Jones index had powered 924.2m shares, up over 50 points to hit the magic 7,000 level by late 54,248 bargains

afternoon trading in London. The storming end to the day came after dealers sat on their hands for most of the morning, waiting for the release of key US unemployment figures relating to non-farm payrolls. These are being seen as giving a crucial pointer to which way Alan Greenspan, Federal Re-serve chairman, will move on interest rates at the Fed's

meeting later this month. In the event, when the statistics came through at lunchtime they gave mixed signals, with the Fehruary payroll fig-ures coming in ahead of ex-pectations, while hourly

Shares broke decisively earnings figures were weaker. through the 4,400 barrier on After some hesitatation, the market decided the figures lessened the likelihood of a rate rise, with both gilts and shares

Richard Kersley, strategist at Bardays de Zoete Wedd, commented: "The first reaction to figures is usually the wrong one. On the surface, the US numbers seem strong to us. I would have thought the mar-ket would have taken it a lot worse than it has done." Economists warned that the pressure to raise rates remained.

That did not trouble the London market, however, with many companies benefiting from a positive carry-over from results on Thursday. BTR was the best performer in the Foot-sie, climbing 16.5p to 276p on signs that sentiment may be changing towards the former-ly unloved conglomerate. Glaxo Wellcome, up anoth-



### MARKET REPORT

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er 39.5p to a new peak of £10.885, bathed in a sea of buy recommendations after omising double digit growth

in 1999 the day before.

GKN wrongfooted many dealers, surging 46p to £10.20 despite the announcement late of Thursday of a record \$601m damages award against the company in the US. Brokers hreathed a sigh of relief, saying it could have been \$800m.

Bid hopes buoyed Rank, up 8.5p at 444p, and Ladbroke, where rumours of a bid from Hilton Corporation were revived. The shares put on 7p to 243p. However, another hid hopeful, Reckitt & Colman, fell back 16p to 807.5p after ABN

Amro Hoare Govett lowered its recommendation from buy to "undervalued".

BSkyB was also a casualty, ending 7p off at 616.5p after it pulled out of a pay-television joint venture with Germany's

Kirch Group. Some of the few results of the day saw Tores, the tool hire turned computer services group, rise 6.5p to 76.5p after announcing a 178 per cent increase in profits. Greggs, the north-east hakery group, was also in fine fettle, gaining 125p to £16.45 after profits up a fifth. Football stocks had a mixed

end to the week. Birmingham City's debut on the Alternative

Investment Market left many

fortable 8p premium to its launch price. Chelsea Village, climbed 13.5p to 133.5p. But elsewhere, adverse press comment put Manchester United ment put Manchester United under pressure, with the 10p fall to 647.5p wiping out the previous day's gain.

Meanwhile, another 6.5p slide to 145p at Hay & Robertson, owner of the El Tel brand

of replica football jerseys, forced it to issue a statement saying it had no reason to ex-plain the fall in the group's shares over the past few days. A month ago, they stood at 178.5p. Dealers hlamed prof-

it taking by small investors.

JKX Oti & Gas, the oil exploration tiddler chaired by former BP boss Sir Robert Horton, fell to a new low yesterday, diving 6p to 49p. The group has been under the cosh since announcing a £14m rights

punters happy, with the shares and deeper losses last week. Roger Carey, who resigned as Roger Carey, who resigned as joint managing director of Slough Estates last year, popped up yesterday at the much small-

er J Saville Gordon. In what looks like a reverse takeover, JSG is buying Rutland Industrial Estates, a property vehicle for Mr Carey and partner James McAllister along with two industrial portfolios totalling f46.3m. Despite the accompanying rights at 55p a share, ISG slipped just 0.5p to 60p.
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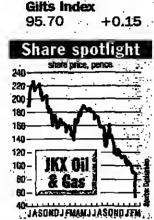
per cent stake in Daily Mail & General Trust, the newspaper group, went through smooth-ly in the hands of brokers UBS and Cazenove. The £15.80 realised for the A share was at a tight discount to the £15.975 at which the shares stood when the deal was an nounced earlier in the week and on Thursday. They ended down into 50.015 205.

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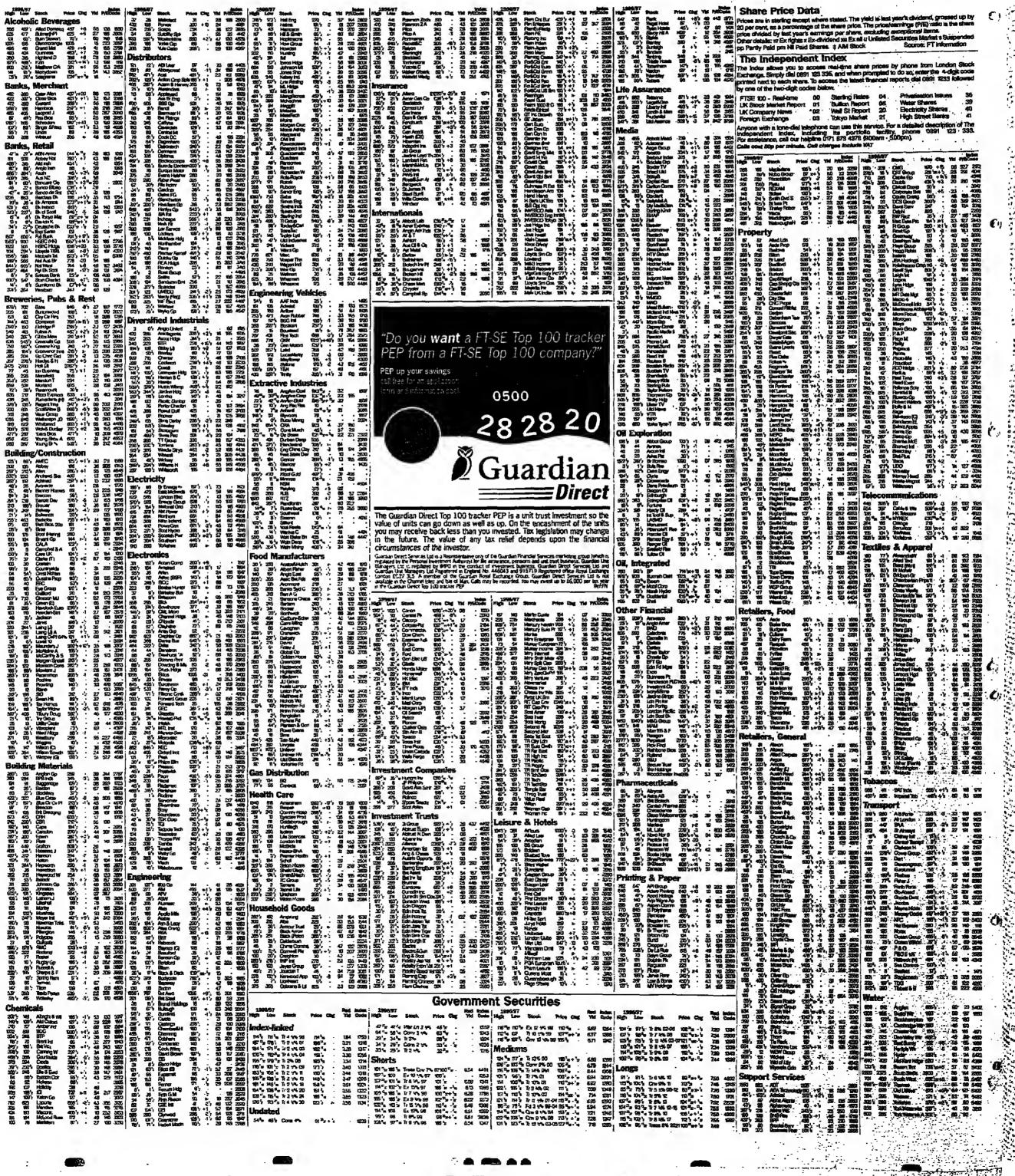
Taking Stock

☐ The market in Clyde Blowers' shares seems to have got over its mittal indigestion after last September's £12m cash call at 265p. Vesterday the shares were back on the way up to the 365p peak they hit last menth, putting on 13.5p to 351p after the Clydebank engineering group unveiled two Chinese ash-handling contracts worth over £2m

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West, the Irish zinc miner, is about to receive planning permission for the start of production at its Lisheen mine in County Tipperary continued to power the shares yesterday. Already up



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FESTIVAL FOCUS: Bradley takes the wrong course of action while another top rider aims to have the last laugh at Cheltenham

# Dunwoody proves fitness for Flagship Racing option

If the bookmakers were offering odds about which will be the closest race of the Cheltenham
Festival, then the Queen Mothconqueror of One Man in the er Champion Chase would be the odds-on favourite. Klairon Davis and Viking Flagship, who jumped the final fence together last year, and between them in the enforced absence of have won the last three runnings of the race, are virtually inseparable at the head of the betting for next Wednesday's renewal, for which nine horses stood their ground yesterday.

Both Ladbrokes and William Hill have a slight preference in days ago, rode Friendship to victheir lists for last year's winner, Klairon Davis, but Coral are unable to divide Arthur Moore's said. "I've been running five

son-trained Viking Flagship, who was successful in 1994 and 1995. The firm quotes the pair

Ladbrokes report substantial Comet Chase at Ascot, and have cut him from 9-2 to 7-2.

Richard Dunwoody, who is due to partner Viking Flagship Adrian Maguire, made a successful return from injury at

Sandown yesterday. Dunwoody, who suffered a fractured sternum in a fall from See More Business in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton 13 tory for Nicky Henderson.
That was OK. Dunwoody

week but the time it is most painful is when I sneeze, cough or laugh. I can tell you exactly how many times I have sneezed or coughed in the last fortnight."

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Doctoor (Sandown 4.05) NB: Giventime (Chepstow 1.45)

Not so fortunate is Lorcan Wyer. Concussed following a fall from Thornton Gate at Doncaster last Saturday, Wver also sustained ligament damage to his left shoulder.

1.15: Richard Dunwoody resumes

his partnership with SELATAN, whose third at Haydock a fortnight

ago proved he is returning to form.

1.45: General Wolfe has won five of

his seven latest completed chases

and will be strongly fancied bere. He will be pushed, however, to give 25lb to the mud-lover GIVENTIME who

has been beaten just once in his five

latest starts. Three weeks ago, Luke Harvey's mount was a course-and-

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The Irishman had hoped to resume riding at Catterick on

until this weekend. However, the condition of his shoulder has not improved and the rider will now have to miss Cheltenham.

"My shoulder is still giving me trouble," Wyer said. "It is not too good and it will have to improve significantly before 1 start riding again. I don't know when

Graham Bradley, who partners Collier Bay, favourite for Tuesday's Champion Hurdle. received a seven-day suspension for taking the wrong course at Exeter vesterday. Importantly for the veteran jockey, the ban starts on Monday week rather than at the start of Festival

Bradley, riding second past

HYPERION'S

2.15: What's The Verdict may well

run in the Supreme Novices' Hur-dle at Chestenham on Tuesday if win-

ning here. That path could be blocked by ROYAL SCIMITAR, 2

15 to 20 minutes to get back to fitness.

Wednesday, but his shoulder the post Carole's Crusader in the novices' chase, was adjudged by the stewards to have the decided to delay his return to the novices' chase, was adjudged by the stewards to have the decided to delay his return to the novices' chase, was adjudged by the stewards to have the novices' chase, was adjudged by the stewards to gone the wrong side of the fourth-last fence, which was dolled off.

When you are out there and the adrenalin is up and you are trying to ride a finish, it is a bit different to sitting in the stewards' room seeing it all in slow

motion," Bradley said.

Tony McCoy, who was injured in a fall at Wincanton on Thursday, rode a double yesterday when partnering Font Romen and Give And Take to victory for Martin Pipe in the first two races.

The jockey had been criticised by the trainer Toby Balding for riding at the meeting. Balding, McCoy's mentor, urged the champioo not to risk

SANDOWN

2.55: RIGWHEEL BILL is a tenta-

that is best left alone by punters.

3.30: Blair Castle has ability but clouted the fourth fence then unshipped his jockey at the fifth at Doncaster a week ago. Today's obstacles are a lot tougher and this seems best left to SUBLIME FEL-

4.05: Doctoor's credentials are for-

in the Ten To Follow Chase at

LOW, a sound jumper.

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"What I said was in my opinion he should not be riding until Cheltenham, not that he should not be riding at Cheltenham. But I stand by the rest of what I said and I didn't think he should be going down to Exeter for the sort of rides he has there. He should be taking a few days off to put himself right for the

Festival."

QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (ChelIsonian, Wede Corat 9-4 Netron Data & Wang
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Relron Davis, 5-2 Wing Flagship, 4-1 Ask Torn,
4-1 Strong Promise, 10-1 Martha's Son, 20Arctic Minamen, Centamly Strong & Double
Symphony, 33-1 Lord Dorest.

taking few chances with his odds. A strong late challenge can be expected from Star Rage, but the best handicapped runner could be MR PERCY Leighton Aspell's mount was an excellent second to Shadow

Leader at Newbury last month and will be staying on strongly in the closing stages. 4.40: Aardwolf has impressive form but there is a suspicion he is best when fresh. DENVER BAY, up 410 to racing.
"We'll have to see what the 4.05: Doctoor's credentials are for-midable but the bookmakers are three weeks ago, can still take this

insurance company want to

for failed Cigar

horse may be on his way back to the track. Cigar, the winner of \$10 million (£6.3m) in prizemoney and of just about every award for racing achievement on offer, may have to resume his career as a runner after a brief

and unsuccessful fling at stud. There are fears that the seven-year-old may be sterile after failing to impregnate any of the first 12 mares he covered at his Kentucky base, the Ashford Stud. "Some horses that come off the race-track are slow to start," Ashford's farm manager, Barry Simon, said. "Rather than for rumours to start, we decided to go ahead and make this

Simon added that ultrasound tests will be performed in the next 10 to 20 days on other mares covered by Cigar to see if they are in foal. Fertility specialists saw Cig-

ar on Wednesday and will send their report to insurance companies. The horse's stud fee is \$75,000 (£47,000). If tests show that the horse is sterile and the changing from a rigorous traininsurance firms and the stud agree, then Cigar could return

The world's outstanding race- do," Allen Paulson, who owned Cigar during his racing career, told the Daily News in New York. "I would like to keep him at my own farm [Brookside]. All I can say is that it's a shock. We were counting on his

babies awful badly." Cigar ended his career at the age of six as the horse that had won most prize-money in the history of horse-racing. He was retired to Ashford Stud in a sale valued at \$25m (£15m) after he finished third in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

It was his second consecutive loss and third in four races since the end of his record 16-race winning streak, which equalled the modern record set by Citation. The streak included a 10 out of 10 record in 1995.

Fertility problems for new stallions are not particularly unusual, but more frequently occur with younger horses that have perhaps not quite reached maturity.

One reason for such a problem is the stress caused by ing regime to a more relaxed lifestyle. Several prominent stallion have recovered from such difficulties to lead active lives as successful stallions.

### gelding and the David Nichol- miles a day and riding a hike for SUNDERLANDS IMPERIAL CUP - 10-YEAR-TALE 10-1 10-1 3-1 20-1 16-1 9-2 6-4 33-1 6-1 5-1 10.3 10.11 10.0 10.13 10.6 10.4 10.0 11.7 10.2 10.8 offit or loss to £1 states: Pavosrites -£3.50' Second Feroisites -£4.25 tage of whomers placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in last case; 50%: : ngest-priced winner: Precious Boy 33-1 (1994) . mens: M Pipe - Travel Mystery (1989). Olympian (1993) Rop Jockey: ( Wyer - Precious Boy (1981 & 1994)

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4.05 Mr Percy 4.40 Denver Bay 5.15 Eagle Dancer

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: D Nicholson — 31 winners from 100 runners, gaves a success ration of 64.4% and a profit to a 5.1 level stake of \$79.90; J GR-ford — 22 winners, 143 runners, 15.4%, 421.11; J Old — 11 winners, 183 runners, 28.2%, 450.31; M Fige — 11 winners, 61 runners, 18.2%, -5.87.

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: R DRUWBORD — 31 winners, 103 rides, 29.5%, +52.77; A Magaire — 21 winners, 92 rides, 22.8%, -59.20; J Oeborne — 10 winners, 111 rides, 17.1%, -52.1.14; P Ride — 10 winners, 50 rides, 12.8%, -59.20; J Oeborne — 10 winners, 111 rides, 17.1%, -52.0.80.

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FORM GUIDE:
Following a 21-month lay-off, COLOSSUS OF MOADS ran a line race to finish third behind More Doah Thancash at Windoor three weeks back. The eight year-old, a winner of three bumpers three seasons ago and two hurdle races in 1994-95, must progress for that recent run and can return to winning form desprée being lumbered with 12st. The Tim Thomson Jones, the former champion amysteur who trains the selection, notes him here. Jove King won a weak heat at Formwell last month but that was only its second run over timber and he seems likely to get better. Iron in Gold won at Stratford in October on his return, following with a Fortiveil second behind Supreme Lady. He was puried up behind Board-room Shuffle at Cheltenham and bearen miles in Royaltino's race at Kempton out might do best of the others.

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Sublime Fellow won for the third time this term when coming home by three lengths at Dorcaster a week ago. - Blair Clastie went off the 5-4 favourite but blundared and unseated at the fifth. Nick Henderson's charge en't the most consistent of characters but unseated at the fifth. Nick Henderson's charge en't the most consistent of characters but unseated in the season. Jame Osborne, who partnered Sublime Fellow at Dorcaster in the absence of sidelined Mich Frogerald with a bank on board today), will have the leg up on the selection, whom he partnered to a four-length victory over Thursday's Carliste winner Chill Wind at Lacester 11 days ago. Souths Bambi publicd miscles in his quarters when pulled up at Luttinia to his peruitimate start. Judet James led for a long way when furnity to Africa. at Leockter Lt. Large ago, countral parties parent (response to a reas quantum may parent purchase). Luddow on his perultimate start. Allett Jones del for a long way when fourth to Arfet Lide here three weeks ago and followed with an eight-length second to hotpot Lance Armstrong at Leockter, leading to three ferices out. Both those races were over an extended two and a hard miles and he will be much repper over the two.

Selection: SCOTTISH BAMB!

4.05	SUNDERLANDS IMPERIAL CUP (HANDICAP HURDLE) (CLASS B) £30,000 2m 110yds Pengity Value £21.456	20

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	50-2010	KADASTROF (FTG (21) (D) (A P Pasord R Dicker T 11 8
	171132	LADY DASY (LA) (D) IP F Kengel Anthony Mullins 8 11 7
	360-312	STAR RACE (IA) (D) (BP) (I David Abell ) I, Harris 7 11 7
	12315-F	SHAMMAR (15) (D) (BF) (International Physical Pict D Nicholson 6 11 5
	06-3001	EXPRESS CET (22) (CD) AL Home, H Young, D Arrick Mrs LI Raidly 8 11 4 JH Williamon
	614-P06	KINGSFOLD PET (14) (D) (Exors of G E Nye) LI Hames 8 11 4 D Signer
		CHALVO (72) (D) (Nick Vines) J Old 7 11 D
)		SHIMMA EDGE (14) (D) (G Graverni T Easterby S 11 D Bradley
i	5-11F32	MR PERCY (28) (D) (Felo, Rosensus's Widow & Son) J Geford 8 10 12 Aspell (A)
2		GROUND MUT (15) (D) (24'S R L Hasters) R Budder 7 10 11 9 Supple (5)
3		DOCTOOR (USA) (23) (CD) (A Walls & Man # TWINSTREAT) LI Pipe 7 10 10 A P McCoy
į		MORE DASH THANCASH (7) (D) (F J Sarstray) Mrs U Jones 7 10 6
5	311-341	PORESTAL (42) (D) (S CASSON) S GYSSAS 5 10 5
5	244141	CARLITO BRICANTE (10) (D) (Lady Bernford P Wetter 5 10 0 Cohorne
7	0.213	DUNESCOLD (42) (D) (Orgely Districtors Lath LI Charton 5 10 0

Morrow weight 10st. True handicap weights: Carlito Brigante 9st 12th, Daniegold 9st 11th, Samerii Ser 6th.

BETIMED: 3-1 Doctoor, 13-2 More Death Thancasts, 7-1 Star Roge, 13-1 Shiring Edge, 12-1 Curitie
Briganto, Forestal, Locy Duby, Mr Percy, 14-1 Chal-Yo, Decepted, 18-1 Express, 6th, Silver Groom,
25-1 Chair Song, 25-1 Shankar, 33-1 Ground Ret, Senarial, 40-1 offices
1998: Amarco 5 10 8 U A Fitzgeria 5 1 /G Hamody 11 ran

25-1 Chief's Song, 28-1, Susanner, 1998: Amanos 5 to G Hambos 111 can 1998: Amanos 5 to 8 to A Frageria 5 to G Hambos 111 can FORM fathDE Doctoor scored easily over course and distance times weeks ago, defeating previous aconer Royal Evers by five lengths in a conditional jockeys' race, Before that, on his first appearance in more than 1,000 days, Maron Pipe's charge frashed that to Redeasted at Chepstow, where his 7th-claiming inder failed to ride him out to achieve the best possible position, boctoor is 5th worse off with Kadastrol Imore effective on the soft but should still turn around Chepstow running. Forly McCoy takes over today and Doctoor is the one to beat despite going off a 9th higher mask then last time. Sharefield EDGE is one of four northern challengers in the 18-strong field, while or lose, Tim Essterby's conner has already had a fine challengers in the 18-strong field. With or lose, Tim Essterby's conner has already had a fine challengers in the 18-strong field. With or lose, Tim Essterby's conner has already had a fine that have 5 the Roger (Successful under 12 to 1998). season, landing four of his last five races – at Hedram, Haydock and Doncaster (who have been for troching four of his last five races – at Hedram, Haydock and Doncaster (who have most recently defeating last year's County Hurdle hero Star Ragin (successful under 12st at Catterck the time before a length and a quarter. He can confirm superiority although 2b worse in, My selection is 5to higher today, but he puils out extra at the business and of his recess. He had a different most for each of those victories and Craham Bradley, who was on board the time before list, is back in the saddle here. More Deab Therecash is another who had done well that term, challing up a half-time whinned with ease at Doncaster a week ago. He should be in at the firsth despite a 10th hive, Cariffo Brigainte is expected to run a tig race even if he will be stepping out of nowice company. He stayed on strongly after taking command there lights out when successful at Weberby ten days ago and will have the assistance of Jamie Osborne, who is noting so well. Silver Groom, and Mingsfold Pet (who would prefer soft going), were second, third and suit of rune finishers behind Arranco in this event a year ago. Chief's Song meets Silver Groom and kingsfold Pet on 110 and 310 more favourable terms, respectively, Howevier Silver Groom finished a long way in front of Chief's Song men hey were fifth and 14th in the Tote Gold Trophy and should prove the pick of the part this time on 3th worse terms. Express Gift has a givat deal move on his plate than when landing a course and destance claimer there weeks ago but can stull go well with horman Whitemson broked for the rule, while this inveder Lady Delay is a consistent mane and will not be far away with Charlie Swan in the saddle.

4.40 HAMBRO COUNTRYWIDE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £10,000 3m 110yds Pen Value £6,873  1 P.11373 AMERINOUF (15) (CD) (Lac) Carvia Demosiar C Books 6 11 10
2 602594 MONTECOT FRE (20) (21) (5: Morcel Cornel) 5 Motor 8 11 2
4 02-6351 DERVER BAY (22) (CD) (30 kg/m; / 6/forc 10 11 1 L Aspel (2)
5 LB.T.M. SAMBE (28) (D) Wirth Car Parvers (1) Moots 8 10 11
6 13322-1 EDUTY PLAYER (21) (CD) (The Mrs 5 Paccession R Curts 12 10 3 D Morris
7 371.99 TOP BRASS (21) (Top 3 as Parters of X 220; 9 10 0 5 Mothed
- 7 declared -
Moreover, weight 10st. True transfers weight: For Brass Ser 32.

BETTAKE 9-4 Aurobolt, 7-2 Deniver Bey, 9-2 Fed of Fire, 9-1 Sandoe, Equity Player, 10-1 Monte-cal, 14-1 Top Brass 1996: Artru's Ministel 9 11 D P Joreson 13-5 (0 Nazulson: 5 ros FORM GUIDE

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FULL OF FIRE was appearing for the first one since last Abril when a length and a half too good for Shrang Light at Easter in December and can follow up off an 8th higher mark. The stiff leach will suit firm Balley's tenyear-old. Aurathroff lended his first two chases, both in three finisher races at this trach, the first over two miles and the other at this true. Beaten only a length and three parts of a length when last of three to first behind Dedotal in the Feltham Novices. Chase at Kempton on Bosing Day, he didn't do badly in third to Bender hot or a return to Kempton. Internal heart and pulsed up at Newbury in Detween. He might pose the biggest dreest even if he is on top weight in his first handscap. Samiles, a 15-length second to Lord Gyldene over trees and a quarter miss at Unsurery in January, was hearten. 36 lengths into both behind the store mail when meeting ham. Tib bender over was beginn 26 lengths with fourth behind the same rival when meeting rain 7th better one four and a quarter fieles at the same track four weeks ego. Deriver Bay wern in over cours and discarce three weeks and machemat fill of fullow at least – the day 33 lengths day CE ACT LINKS CANDOWN STANDARD OPEN NU EL AT PACE (EL ASS

5.	15	H) £1,550 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value	£1,406
1		BILLY BOX (Asc Tuckement & VoCour 5 11 5	D Bridgester
2	œ	BORODINO (31) (Mrs Philippa Copper) R Roug 5 11 4	Assel (3)
3		EAGLE DANCER (E Recell Link Herres 5 11 4	
4		EXPRESS AGAIN IT IN YORD M HENNES 5 11 4	Reditor
5		GOLDEN ENGLE (Peter Oction in Henceson 5 11 4	
6		HORME DE FER (Mas M. Vercatagas) of K Barley 5 11 4	
7		KAPCO (Uplands Bloodsand) C Brooks 5 11 4	
8		UFT THE LATCH of Pamer Mrs 1 McGe 5 11 4	
9		LOVELY OUTLOOK IMIS P Carson R Carson 5 11 4	
10	0-R	MILL BAY SAM (7) (D.) Fazzors (Ar. M. Jones 6 11 4	
11	6	MOONRAKER'S MIRAGE (18) AN'I M Pervi D (Esworn 6 11 4	P Holes
12	•	SECURION CALE (N/s R A Proctor N Herberson 5 11 4	
13	0	TATIBAG (98) IR Smith; R Smith; 5 11 4	
14		TOWELY MACIC (I Fresher J NewSer 5 11 4	
15		PLUMPTON WOOD (D il Septiero I Smyth-Ostourre 5 10 13	
26		CLARE'S SPRING Freezons Roard R Harges 4 10 10	_7 Describe Ci
17		DESERT WAY WAYON BOOLSDON LOD MASK H NO. 21 4 10 10	Cudots
18		FORTUNES FLIGHT MAS A 1 Garget   Ware 4 10 10	
19		SATELLITE EXPRESS (Shart Pacing 8 Smart 4 10 10	
20	30	SIR PROZE (1A) (Michael Jackson Bioenstrex Lair G Bakting 4 10 10	
21	_	KABILE QUEST (FR) (A P Param R Dictor 4 10 5	
RETTE	W- 7.2	Depart Wine &1 Golden Fords, S.1 Sonnibre, S.1 Servere Cale	7.1 Fede Doces

8-1 Horano de For, 10-1 Kapon, 12-1 others 1996: Marchard Marture 5 11 4 R Durrycoty 9-2 (N Charce) 22 ton

### **Bounce still on the up**

Buckboard Bounce, 6-1 with FIRST SHOW William Hill but only 9-2 with the Tote, and Spuffington, 20-1 with Coral and the Tote but 14-1 with William Hill, attract the eye

How they bet on today's televised races

Ladbrokes are out of line with Chepstow. In the Imperial Cup Forestal at 12-1 (Wm Hill 9-1).

Ten To Follow Handicas	Chase	- Chepstow	1.45
Horse (Trainer)weight)	Corel	Willem His	Tota
Bisbops Hall (R Ainer/12st)	12-1	10-1	11-1
Beimont King (P Neholis/12st)	5.1	9-2	5.1
Buckboard Bounce (G Richards/12st)	5-1	6-1	9-2
General Wolfe (T Forster/11st12b)	8-4	6-4	8-4
Giventime (A Turnet/10st18s)	11-4	11-4	21.4
Sportington U Cifford/10st	20-1	14-1	20-1
See Enough (R Buckler/10st)	14-1	20-1	20-1

Horse (Trainer/weight)	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tota
Silver Groom (R Ahetumt/11st1:3b)	20-1	20-1	18-1	16-1
Chief's Song (S Dow/11st8b)	33-1	25-1	28-1	33-1
Codestrof (R Dickn/11st8lb)	33.1	33-1	40-1	33-1
Lady Daley (A Mulina/13st7fb)	14-1	16-1	12-1	14-1
Star Rage (J L Harris/1.1st7fb)	7-1	· 13-2	7.1	8-1
Shendor (D Nicholson/11st(5lb)	25-1	25-1	28-1	16-1
Express Gift (Mrs M Revelow/11st/4lb)	20-1	25-1	18-1	20-1
Ongufuld Pat (M Haynes/11st4lb)	33-1	33-1	40-1	40-1
Chal-Yo (J Old/11st)	14-1	24-1	11-1	10-1
Shining Edge (T Ensterby/11st)	10-1	10-1	11,1	9-1
Mr Percy (J Gifford/10st12fb)	10-1	12-1	14-1	14-1
Ground Not (R Bucker/10s:11lh)	40-1.	40-1	33-1	33-1
Dectour (M Pipe/10sr10lb)	3-1	3-1	3-1.	3-1
Hore Dash Tuancauti (M. Jones/10st6	b) 7-1	13-2	6-1	7-1
Forestal (S Griffighe/10s(Sib)	10-1	9-1	12-1	11.1
Certito Brigante (P Webber/10st)	11-1	11-1	12-1	12-1
Danogold (M. Channoy/10st)	16-1	20-1	14-1	16-1
Sammald (Miss L'Skidel/10st)	25-1	25-1	33-1	_ 33-1

### AND THE STATE OF T 2.45 Scoresheet 3.20 SEATTLE ALLEY (nap) 145 Giventime (nb) 2.15 Royal Scimitar

GOING: Good to Soft (some Soft patches).

ELRADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: M Pipe—51 winners from 197 runners gives a success ratio of 25.0% and a loss to a £1 level stake of £17.78; O Nicholson — 16 winners, 55 runners, 29.1%, +£2.52; P Nicholso — 12 winners, 63 runners, 19.1%, £12.75; J Old — 7 winners, 34 runners, 20.0%, £7.74.

ELRADING JOCKEYS: E Dunnwoody — 30 winners, 118 rides, 25.4%, £28.84; A P McCoy — 21 winners, 74 rides, 23.4%, ±26.46; D Bridgwetter — 30 winners, 81 rides, 24.7%, ±531.44; C Liewedlyn — 16 winners, 92 rides, 16.3%, £27.48.

BLINKERED FIRST TDEE: None.
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LONG-DESTANCE EUNNERS: Buckboard Bounce (7.45) has been sent 249 miles by G Richards from Greystoke, Cumbriat Sura Out (2.15) sent 164 niles by J Peurce from Newmarket, Suffolk.

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Ιŀ	15 'RACING POST FOR CHELTENHAM' HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £8,000 added 2m 4f 110yds
Ŀ	Penalty Value £5,638
1	011-130 POTENDATE (ASA) (16) R3 (Am Weeden) M Pipe 6 11 12 A P McCo
2	11-2823 XINGDOM OF SHADES (USA) (15) (BF) (Robert Ogder) A Turnet 7 11 11
3	131625 LAKE KARREA (8) (C) (The Lake Karba Partnerste) P Nicholta 6 11 3R Johnson
4	14-2412 MARRIS (19) (As Arthory Andrews) J GB0rd 7 11 2
5	431-0 PURPLE SPLASH (LS) (D) (Sir Christopher Wellbal) P Makin 7 11 1
6	5-22000 CALL MY GUEST (28) (D) (Detek O Cleek R Percords 7 10 10 M Williamson
7	4210-03 SELATAN (15) (Startight Recorg) D Cardolfo 5 10 9
8	1P-3030 BETERBAGEC (7) (The Will To With Partnership) I Fox 7 10 5
	RNC: 3-1 Riegion Cf Shades, 100-30 Parple Spireli, 4-1 Potentate, 9-2 Seletan, 7-1 Marine
8	Lake Rathe, 10-1 Call My Guest, Informacic

\$1. Lake Antible, 10-1 Call My Gaset, Informatic Park Hamilton (1998) Manner's Ar 9 11 12 A P McCoy 11-4 () Speaning 8 man FORM CUIDE

POTENTATE, four times a winner over two miles here, should appreciate the step up in disconer. Mertin Pipe's nurner made a successful return here in Nivember with an all-the-way war from Phar From Furny but was let down by his jumping when a close third of four to Ambieside at Lingderd. Potentiate and Ground Nut set a strong piece at Wincamon last time and both faded to be well beeten behind Dreems End. This ground should ride more easily and, more importantly, he should not need to go off at breakness speed over the longer trip on a course that suck nort-runners. Kingdom Of Shaddes broke a blood vessel when disappointing here un December and ren well on the return two months letter to be a fength second to Copper Boy at Newtory. He was no match for Allegation at Haydock last time, Seliratin, two successful at Zoucestar last season, was a good third to Big Strand at Haydock and may improve. Martue is running well but will sougge to match Potentate up front, and it trying a new tip. Purple Spitish can improve on this Kempton showing behind Lessons Last of the brushes up the purpling. The novice Lake Karibe has lost his way since winning twice in the autumn but can emprove on his listest Newbury run. Selection: POTENTATE

			C POTENTATE
7	45	TOTE TEN TO FOLLOW HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS	PRCT
Ŀ		B) £12,500 3m 2f 110yds Penalty Value £8,432	The state of the s
1	U01-241	85HOPS HALL (164) (D) (T J Caroll) R Alter 11 12 0	N Williamson
2	21F5/1P	BELLMONT KING (34) (3) (4) (4) Blie Bond) P Netrolls 9 12 D	A P McCoy
3	ZZ52:10-	BUCHBRIARD BOUNCE (483) (Robert Ogdert) G Richards 12, 12 0	P Carbony
4	211172-1	GENERAL WOLFE (15) (Winning Line Racing (1d) T Forster 8 11 12	R Democody
5			i Hervey
6	453383	SPURFINGTON (21) (C) (Luter Capet ) Giford 9 10 0.	P Histo
7	00-03-0	SEE ENOUGH (21) (J A G Meader) R Buckler 9 10 0	S McNell
		- 7 declared -	
蹇	TINE 64	General Wolfe, 11-4 Elventime, 5-1 Seletout King, Busidoord Bosne	e, 10-1 Bishops
		editegion, See Escepti	
19	St. Mary	Sell 8 11 4 U. Moioney 7-2 (A Whillians) 7 ran	
		FORM CLODE	

GIVENTIME, winner of four of his last five races over fences, can continue to progress. The rare-year-old wound up last season winning nonce chases at Nothingham and Lingfield, and, effer its Newton Abbot return, beat ANC Express at Lingfield before scoring over course and distance by a length and a quarter from Rocky Path, with Spatifugion 14 lengths away in third. Souffington has only a 10 put/ (the la 3lb out of the handlesp) and Giventime looks of the Springery less city a 10 par first a 35 out or at a familiary broad and a second on just a 40 higher mark. General Works, a faller when fewore for the Rim.

Mult at Chesenham lest year, was then runner-up to Moorcroft Boy in the Scottish National and made a successful return at Haydock, getting up to best McGregor The Third. He is a 1998: Bella Life 7 10 7 G Tomay 5-2 (P J Hobbs) 7 tan

tianger but gives 25% to Giventome. The or-intsh Belmont King did well to win the Rehearsal Chase over three miles here on his first stant for Paul Nictoris and was out of his depth in the Hennessy Cognec Gold Cup at Leopardistown afterwards. The win here was his first non 20 months. Bishapes Hall is another strent su-high chaster and won the Keny National at Listowel on his letters part in September, Bockhound Bounce won first time up at Non-hour of Control of the Market on the Market on the Control of the Market on t

NJ)	November	The drying ground is against See Enough. Selection: GIVENTIME
[	2.15	PETER O'SULLEVAN NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS B) BBC1 £20,000 5YO 2m 110yds Penalty Value £13,875
t		ABSOLUTE LIMET (23) IB M Workport J Ground 11 5
2	04211	BREAK THE RELES (15) (D) (A J LOTTES) M POC 11 5
3	201-0	BURN OUT (40) (The Al Yarey Partnership) J Posice 11 5
Ĭ		8005 SQUAD ED (D) ER M HANGARD J Mexico 11 5
5		NO PATTERN (LA) (( Higher) 6 L Moore 11.5 D Gallagher
6		PERCY BRAZZHMARE (S1) (D) (Glass Pig Syndicate) Mast, P Whole 11 5
Ť	2	ROYAL SCHIZZAR (15) (BI) (Highway Bueiness Systems) Mrs A Perrett 11 5 _R Duramody
8	11	WHAT'S THE VERDICT (30) DI (Seamus Office) A O'Brien (in) 115C F Swan
ğ	21/21	MOTOQUA (99) DAIS Diam Smith D Micholson 11 0

BETTINE: 5-4 What's The Verdict, 5-1 Motorous, Gods Squad, 8-1 Breek The Rudes, 8-1 No Potter 10-1 Royal Scienting, 14-4 Atmotives Uselt, 18-1 others 1998: Divertmento 5 11 5 E Husband S-1 O Mackel 11 van FOHMS GUIDE

A fair Flat handicapper for Mark Johnston, WHAT'S THE VERTOICT has won both his starts over hundes since johing Aiden Offiner and the hishman looks to have found him a good chance to pick up a veluable prize. His length success from Bose Doyle at Commel last time was a good effort, with the runner-up a hopeful for the Royal Sunvillance at Chortestham. What's the Vertica will holds an entry for the Supreme Novces' on Tuesday. The home contingent has a second-division look with Cheftenham around the corner. No Pattern would ob Sannarino's Festival prospects some good if he gets close, having been that to him at Kempton lest time. His sole win was in a maiden hundle at Plumpon, but that was 3 hot event for the course and he has run well each time he has met smart opposition. Royal by Breath The Raises and experience dissolvantage when besten a length and a half by Breath The Raise wit Haydock on his hunding debut. He meets that that I'm worse but this smart flet performer may still overturn the placings. Breat The Rules has improved since frishing fourth to Percy Braithwalte at Ludiow and that mail then flooped when upped in class at Ascot. Gods Squad put up a smart performance to best Good Vibes in heavy ground at Wetterby last time after finding Danalshan to good on his Bangor reappearance. He will win more rases but will be suited by a longer trip. Brain Out was despronting on his well with more races but will be suited by a longer trip. Beam Out was despiperance, He hardfully described the suited by a longer trip. Beam Out was despiperance in hunding debut at Plumpton behind Pomme Secret, but he was a smort bumper horse, winning at Aintree, and should not be written off. Motoqua, second to the smart Juyush at Newton Abbot, opened her account at Warwick and needs to improve to win this. Absolute Limit is held by Motoqua on a line through Juyush.

Selection: WHAT'S THE VERDICT

ľ	245	LLANGIBBY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,100 added 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £2,908
1	54/1-122	SCORESHEET (11) (6P) (Pel-mel Partners) J Gifford 7 11 9
2	OP02.P4	DOMESTICS VIEW (22) IF 6 Tuber 8 11 2 M GUITING (7)
3	440-457	FELLOO (30) (Mrs.) Ethiopide-Hoothcotel 7 George 8 11 2 P Curbany
4	61F0-20	MYSTIC RSLE (29) (Mrs. J. K. Newtorn N. Genetice 7 11 2 C. Llemettyn
S	UUUTP	SAUCTS WOLF (78) (Mrs.   Brooks) Mrs. F. Rooks, 7 11 2
6	U2525-F	WITH AMPUNETY (24) (Guest Leasing & Bloodstack Ltd) P Nicholis 8 11 2
_		- 8 sectioned -
ш	TIME: COL	Scoundard, 11-4 With humanity 4-1 Marcin late 10-1 Callege 10-4 Complete Later

50-1 Sency's Wolf 1999: Pete The Parson 7 11 9 J Osborne 5-2 (J Old) 8 ran 2 20 TOTE QUADPOT NOVICE HANDICAP HERRY E (CLASS C

3.20	£5,000 added 4YO 2m 110yds Penalty Value £3,488
1 111400	DUGGER GROEN SHO DES ES (No Metrico) 11 Grot 42 D
2	S declared -
1990: Shept	i influence Pediar, 7-2 Shu Gas, Doctor Green, 8-1 Sentitin Alley, 25-1 Come On In ris Rest 4 10 12 A Thomton 10-1 (S Mellor) 8 ran
3.50	COTSWOLD VALE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £3,488

13.5	COISMOLD VALE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000
0.0	added 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £3,488
1 F-50	IDMOS CHESELY AN ASSET OF SHOULD IN TO CHARACTER AND THE CHARACTER
2 000	PROVER MODULE (MZ) 00 (Ine & Income Statement M Size D. 11 & C. Marrier
	ATTACH OF WINTER (10) (1) IN HERCE STOPPED NAMED II WASHINGT 7 44 A D CANADAN
4 0F0	DONALIAN COLLONGES (FIG (355) OR Option) T Forsier 6 11 4 P Corpory
5 134	BESTLANDI LANCASTER (23) (C) OA GABRIN M GABRI 13 10 10
6 /3F	PERSONAL COMPANY (Clark Days Broad D. Market D. M. Arthur Ad. 40 T.
7 2/3/	PERSIAN SWORD (781) (Fort Pare Rocky) D Michelson 11 10 7
	- 7 declared -
<b>ASTRAKO</b>	haden from a d formation -
-	Indian Arrow, 3-1 Persian Sword, 7-2 Kings Cherry, 6-1 Court Master, 8-1 Contemp

### AYR

HYPERION 1.50 Phantom Haze 2.20 Nicholas Plant 2.50 Swanbister 3.25 Mr Knitwit 4.00 Field Of Vision 4.30 Ask Me Later 5.00 Lord Podeski

GOING: Soft: Good to Soft in places.

Left-hand galloping course; run-in 210yds.

Course is E of from on A758. Ayr station (service from Glassw) Im. ADMINSTONE Chil \$12; Grandstand \$7 (OAPs half-price).

GAR PARE: Free.

SIS RACING

alineered fiest time: None Winners in the last seven days: None LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Clever Boy 1.50) and Dark Oak (4.30) sem 240 miles by 1 W Cants from Beeford, Hombersde; Cler-ry Dec (2.50) sem 180 miles by 9 Beamont from Brandsby. N Yorks Cantle Clear (5.00) sem 189 miles by Mrs M Bereky from Languiste.

Ŀ	L.50	£3,000 added 4YO 2m
1		DOLELE DASH (14) D Mortan 11 4 D J Mortan
3	0321	SON OF ANSHAN (53) (D EF) Mrs A Swinbark 11 4 Suppl BOURBON DYNASTY (FR) G Richards 10 12 A Dobb
ā	2000	ASSESSED STATE (20) 11 Manager 10 17 Perhapt Com

P JUDICEE FRESH (22) Mrs D Dromeor: 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_\_ B Storey
54 NOVAN SECRET (USA) (14) P Novaleth 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ M Moleculy
33 PHANTOM HAZE (28) C Parker 10 12 \_\_\_\_\_ D Parker -7 declared -BETTING: 4-5 See Of Anshan, 3-1 Plantom Haze, 7-1 Bourbon Dynasty 8-1 Double Dash, Crabble's Pride, 18-1 Known Secret, 20-1 Jurgle Pres

2.20 MAD MARCH HARE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £4,200 added 3m 1f 1 (v401 KALAIO 8) (0) 8 Macagest 7 11 9 8 Storey
2 PG-163 BADORTY MAJOR (22) P Crestrough 8 11 9 A Dobbin
3 55/122 MCSRUMS PLATE (12) (7) 891 Solde 8 11 9 G Caha
4 021-75 CELTIC GART (59) Lump 7 11 3 R Supple
5 0- ROYAL BANGER (359) M Industry 7 11 3 R Supple
6 0/3P1 STANDAMER (359) M Industry 7 11 3 R February
6 0/3P1 STANDAMER (359) M Industry 7 11 3 R February
85777766: 6-4 Celtic Glant, 9-4 Michains Plant, 8-1 Majority Major, Royal Banker, 10-1 Strathmore Lodge, 12-1 Kalajo

2.50 MASON ORGANISATION NOVICE HANDI-CAP HURDLE (CLASS D) \$5,000 added 3m

	CAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m 110yds
1-112214	SANNESSTER (12) (CD) 1 Lungo 7 12 D R Sapple
	ADS (USA) (25) (CD) G Moore 7 11 3
P-1132P	BELLE ROSE (25) G RICEROS 7 10 12A Dobbin
1-05020	10065 LANE (21) 1 Dan 8 10 10 D Partier
013062	CLEVER BOY (20) 1 Curts 6 10 1 Richard Coest
42-2053	CHESRY DEE (10) P Separate 8 10 3 B Grattan (5)
2-00	CRASHBALLOO (78) P Crestrough 6 10 2 G Cafe
3/243-0	STEPDAUGHTER (30) Mrs D Thomson 11 10 0 L 07/1478

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### Top goes for spin on sand

Even Top was put through his ternational and Japan Cup win-paces at Nad Al Sheba race-ner, was the first of the Eurocourse yesterday as the buildup towards the second running. of the £4m Dubai World Cup on The Michael Stoute-trained son

29 March gathered pace. The Mark Tompkins-trained four-year-old, beaten a short a mile. head by Mark Of Esteem in last year's 2,000 Guineas, warmed up under his work-rider, Ross Campbell, over half a mile before working over seven furlongs upsides his lead horse, Time For Action.

"I was satisfied with the work race jockey, Jason Weaver, behe did and although he was a bit fore increasing the pace over the lazy it is a normal thing with him." Campbell said. "He will. have a quiet day tomorrow." Singspiel, the Canadian In-workout.

over six furlongs under his bigsame trip. His stable-companion Gothenberg had a quiet six-furlong

ner, was the first of the Euro-

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Nad Al Sheba earlier in the day.

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FESTIVAL FOCUS: Cornwall's quiet surroundings are shaping a farmer's Gold Cup dreams



Man's best friends: Walter Dennis shares the affection between Coome Hill and his trusty farm dog outside his stables in Cornwall

# Coome Hill chasing a fairy tale

It is strange the way the mind the eight-year-old wins at the plays tricks oo you. When I was Festival on Thursday afternoon, a boy and we went on holiday to Bude and stayed in something my parents called a mobile home and everyooe else called a caravan, Comwall seemed an awful long way away. I now realise it's further than

You start by screaming along. roads which have the familiar number that looks likes it should be embroidered on the breast pocket of a Dartmoor lifer. The people of Bude delight in the belief that their town is the furthest away from a dual carriageway than any other in

This week the old port has not looked at its best, the damp weather leading it the charm that all mass-appeal resorts have in the drizzle. By next Thursday, however, despite its . remoteness and seasonal inhospitality, Bude may be the site of pilgrimage, a destination to compare with Hamelin, the Emerald City and Lilliput as the seat of an implausible fairy

Just one mile from the town centre, on the southern fringes and barely into countryside, lies Thorne Farm, a mixed establishmem dealing in sheep, cattle and cereals. Most immediately of all, though, the premises are dealing in dreams as the home of Coome Hill, the former point-to-pointer and current bearer of the little man's standard, as he is prepared for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. If forested crown and reading

agnostics will be shaken.

It was just four years ago that Coome Hill was standing in an Irish field when a chap called Walter Dennis came to visit. The horse was backward, lean and weak, but Dennis liked him and took him back to Cornwall. Neither set of locals were to look too kindly on this transring of M4 and MS, and end up action. Coome Hill was soon to going down something with a prove a bargain, crushing his point-to-point opponents at fierce crucibles such as Liskeard, Tavistock and Lannees-

This season he has started various puffedbeating on the big boys, winning his four completed starts, including a Hennessy Gold Cup, and finally those who think of him and his trainer as a hucolic peculiarity have had to zip their lips.

Walter Dennis is 56 and has occupied Thorne Farm with his well-populated family for 26 years now. He was born just over the River Tamar in Devon and has become quite used to having a four-legged friend around the place.

"I rode in my first point-to-point when I was 16," said Dennis, who partnered about 70 winners between the flags. There has never been any period when I didn't have a horse around. If you spend.40 years with horses and haven't learned much in that time, you've got to be thick. If you just open your eyes you must learn some-

thing."
With his benign features, de-

**Richard Edmondson** finds small is big when preparing for Cheltenham glory

spectacles, Dennis could easipass for a figure whose tome of reference was not the form book but rather the Bible. His bands have come from the agriculturists' warehouse - great hig wrinkly things that look as though they have been inflated by a bike pump.

be spoofed, though, lo fact, he does the lampooning of go to big yards

they can get with microphones he has had to endure institutionalised. this campaign. My horse is an Dennis does not respond warmly to those who talk down

to either him or his horse. In the huild-up to the Hennessy, Graham Goode, the Channel 4 commentator, sperulated that Coome Hill might make a nice paperweight but was probably not up to the Newbury race. It was an opin-

putting things," Dennis said before completing an early attempt at the 1997 oxymoron of the year. "He's a prat."

They like smoking at Thorne Farm. In fact there appears a near-religious ideal that the flame of a cigarette end should be burning at all times between Walter Dennis is no yokel to them. Coome Hill, too, would

- have a puff benatural sluggalvanised in all his work. When he de-

taken down to beach and Walter Dennis

tears down the strand like El Cid. "It's relaxation for us both," he says. "But you can have lots of altercations with women with dogs and people flying kites." Dennis actually trains his horse far more personally than the big boys treat any individion he lived to regret. "He ual animal at their factory units. hasn't got a very discreet way of He believes this has helped

### PUNTERS GUIDE TO CHELTENHAM

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in Monday's independent: An essential race by-race guide to the Festival, with betting advice and upto date fields for every race, all the latest odds on offer and an assessment of the Irish challenge

Coome Hill, "I think if horses go to big yards they can get in-stitutionalised, ripping up and down the gallops every day and walking around like sheep behind one another," he said.

"My horse is an individual and probably appreciates the environment he is in. Maybe somehody else would have raced his arse off by now and he would be a spent force."

There is certainly more emotion invested in Coome Hill by his trainer/owner than in most hind the cow- other turf relationships. "We 'I think if horses sheds if you let him, and this when he works he really has to work, but he does mean an awgard has to be ful lot to us," Dennis says.

"I care for him day in and day out and take him to the races, so I'd be a bit of a weirdo if I serves a rest, didn't have any feelings for the gelding is him. All that really matters to us is that he comes hack from Summerleaze Cheltenham in one piece. We worry for him out there."

Dennis desperately does not want to sound like a hig head, probably hecause he has met plenty of those in parade rings this campaign and realised what an unappealing bunch they are. Yet, suhliminally, he tells you that he likes the way his horse has been working and his chances overall. Outside, where light rain

seems to have been falling all day, Dennis swears playfully in Coome Hill's box as the horse goes for his ear as if it is a pork scratching. The permit-holder piles on the blankets and duvets until the gelding looks like a carpet trader's goods camel on the way to the souk.

Team Dennis has been staggered by the packs of journalists, both hroadcast and written, that have descended on their home this past few weeks (and knowing some of them I understand the ordeal the family has been through).

Their story has the same res-onance of 1990, when another dairy farmer, Dyfed's Sirrell Griffiths, led in his 100-1 shot Norton's Coin after the Gold Cup. The Welshman observed the brotherhood of the milk by ringing yesterday to offer his best wishes.

The telephone has been bouncing from other figures in recent weeks - those interested in purchasing Coome Hill. All have been repelled, "Some-one once wrote, 'Since you've been away, I've cried and cried all day, and that sums up how important he is to the family, Dennis says.

"I'm not rich, but then again I'm not poor, and he does mean an awful to us."

This decision has been greeted less than gloriously by the family bank manager. "We're talking offers here that would make your hair crawl," the trainer adds. One such hid, and we are

probably talking a £200,000 downpayment, came from one of the sport's high-flyers, and he did not even want to take the horse away. Walter Dennis suggests he would rather this man's name was not printed, "or I'll have your balls off". Sometimes fearless journalism is best left to Woodward and Bern-

### Slaney back in the running for world record

Mike Rowbottom on the American athlete who has found her old self again

When Mary Slaney - then Decker - was 12 years old, she ran a marathon, a quarter-mile, a mile and a two-mile race in the pace of seven days.

Not the sort of regime to guarantee a long career in atheuses, you would have thought. And yet, 26 years later, the greatest United States middle distance runner of all time is here in Paris seeking the world indoor 1500 metres title and a 7th world indoor best.

Regrets? She's had a few, and mentioned them - most notoriously after the 1984 Olympic 3,000m final when she fell after colliding with Zola Budd. Her histrionics thereafter earned her the ritle of "Whiner of the Year" from one US newspaper.

oice has often been raised in complaint, there has been much to complain about, at least in terms of bad

luck and injury. Although she earned "Dou-Decker' headlines after taking the 1500 and 3000m titles in the inaugural World

hampionships of 1983, her Slaney: Efforts rewarded record there-

after has been ill-starred. She has not taken part in any World Championships, indoor or out, since then, and her record in the Olympics is an un-happy one. She was considered too young for the US trials before the 1972 Olympics. missed 1976 with injury, 1980 through a boycott, fell in 1984 and has had her performances in 1988, 1992 and 1996 undermined by illness.

Slaney's operations have kept pace with her record-breaking. Her 19th, three years ago, virtually reconstructed an Achilles tendon. Although she feared she would never compete again, she returned to win a place at last year's Olympics, but her fitness Olympic year comes again. was undermined by a condition. I'm healthy, you can bet it will she subsequently discovered to drive me. It's a hig if: but the be exercise-induced asthma.

Slaney has rationed her running since returning to action last year, and that restraint. combined with her new health regimen of pasal sprays, inhalers and longer warm-ups, appears to have benefited her.

Last December, she stepped on to an indoor track for the first time in eight years, winning the mile at New York's Millrose Games - where she had first competed in 1974 as the 15-year-old nigtailed "little Mary" Decker.

The pigtails are long gone; the talent remains. At the age of 38, Slaney - who has a 10-year-old daughter, Ashley - is aiming to become the first woman to run the indoor 1500m in under four minutes. At the US trials last weekend, she ran 4min 03.80sec. the fastest time

in the world for seven years within range of the 4:00.80 she ran as a 22-yearold, and the Romanian Doina Melinte's time of 4:00,27 which surpassed it as the world best seven years ago.

"I feel like my old self again, Slancy said after her trials win in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. "At the moment

feel I could run under four minutes. There is a good chance the world record is in jeopardy. I'm capable of going with people at that pace, helping to make it a reality or being the reality."

If the latter turns out to be the case, the reality for Slaney will be a pay-out of \$100,000 (£62,000) - \$50,000 for the win. \$50,000 for the record.

That would represent a handsome reward for her endurance. As for the future, she remains open to the suggestion of competing at 42 in the Sydney Olympics. "You appreciate it when you've lost something and then get a chance to get it hack," she said. "When the drive has never been in doubt.

### Loose move by Copp

BILL COLWILL Since the return of Britain's Olympic coach, Jon Copp. after Christmas. Reading have been going from strength to strength.

Last week they ended Ted-dington's 10-match winning run with a 4-3 victory to go a point clear at the top of the Premier League, and with a home fixture tomorrow against mid-table Guildford, and with secondplaced Teddington visiting Can-Reading will be looking to go into the European Cup-Winners' Cup competition at Easter - at Reading - in pole position.

After tomorrow's game, the Premier Division of the Nationtrip to Pakistan, with the final round of games being played on Sunday 6 April.

Copp has made one change to the squad who beat Teddington last Sunday, the schoolboy international Jon Louse coming in for Chris Willis. Copp expects a hard game against Guildford. "With Jenno's [lan Jennings'] individual corner threat you can never relax." Copp said. "I watched as a specialor the game at Guildford before Christmas when we threw away a two-goal lead and they came back at us to nock one point below them. win 5-3. I am, however, confident we can son them out."

Paddy Osborne has been added to Reading's 30 players named for the European Cup at Easter. It seems likely that he will make the final 16 for his potenal League breaks for England's dal at penalty corners.

### Towers ready to reel in their rivals

**Basketball** 

London Towers, fresh from victory in last weekend's 7-Up League Trophy final, must begin recling in the challengers for their Budweiser League title this weekend when the table's top four clubs meet.

Towers, in second place with Sheffield Sharks, are at home to joint leaders London Leopards tomorrow. Tonight Sheffield vis-h Birmingham Bullets, who share top place with the Leonards.

Birmingham's Nick Nurse, February's coach of the month, whose team have won 12 games in a row, said: "We've jumped on people early and stayed in front. but we won't have that luxury against Sheffield."

hand over Leopards and Birmingham and one over the Sharks. Burks was rested from Thursday's 93-83 win over Worthing Bears because of a thigh strain. and returns against the Towers.

Cup in January, and their coach. Billy Mims, said: "It's one of the League's great rivalries between us and Towers and it should get even higger now both of us have

### the week Maybe we'll have to decide this on penalties. But we'll win

RICHARD TAYLOR

Towers have three games in Leopards' American guard Eric Leopards lifted the Nanonal

### Quotes of

because we've got two goal-keepas. Bruce Grobbetaar, after the jury in the match-fixing trial was discharged.

Beyond my wildest dreams.

Alex Ferguson, Manchester United manager, after the 4-0 victory over Porto. twas like the 1960s all over again. Paddy Crerand, midfield

schemer in the great 60s side. The worst 20 minutes of my life. lack Rowell, England rugby union coach, on France's comeback against England at wickenham. Matt Le Tissier said to me, We can't understand why

you're not playing all the time. It's crazy. Have you stolen his wife or something?' David Gi-nota, the Newcastle winger, on his relationship with his man-ager, Kenny Dalglish.

looking prima donnas tuming up to compete in our race. I went real men in real machines. Ron Walker, chairman of the Australian Grand Prix Board, in the run-up to the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne. As of today we are proba-

bly the richest rugby league club in the world. Jack Rebinson, Wigan chairman, on the sale of Central Park to a super-

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### WOLVERHAMPTON

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# Schumacher's talent can level the playing field

It is a good thing Michael Schu-macher learnt to cope with re-sponsibility at an early age. fully rehabilitated after the trauma of losing Schumacher, McLaren-Mercedes declare This year he could be asked to Formula One championship Williams-Renault cavalcade.

The propaganda machinery has whirred away all winter, generating the optimism that to-morrow in Australia we embark on one of the most open and competitive seasons for many a year. We are promised winning potential from half a dozen leams, perhaps more if the return of tyre wars gives the Bridgestone runners a freakish advantage in certain conditions.

Somehow, though, this all sounds familiar. Did we not hear much the same sort of sales patter last year? Only to watch Williams obliterate the rest.

Twelve months on, Benetton-

themselves confident they are shoulder not only the hurden of sustaining their forward mofatherhood but also to turn the mentum, and the Ligier-Mugen-Honda team, now under the into something other than a command of Alain Prost, are suggesting they are ready to join

the major league.

The one leading team not shouting the odds are Ferrari. They have wintered inauspiciously and their earlier predictions of a title challenge for 1997 have been amended to something that amounts to "forget everything we said before". Schumacher, in particular, is playing down his and the team's expectations, insisting all they can aspire to is competing for points rather than podium places. "I am just being realistic," he reiterates.

And yet you cannot help but feel that the 28-year-old Ger-

What looks like the most competitive F1 season for years opens in Melbourne tomorrow. Derick Allsop assesses the contenders threat to the Williams pair, cial enterprise and a political losing the one he had at Jordan-Jacques Villeneuve and Heinz-

Harald Frentzen, even in a Ferrari that, apparently, should be outclassed once there are points Not that Benetton and McLaren are necessarily overestimating their development, or that their drivers, Gerhard Berg-

er and Jean Alesi, for the for-mer, Mika Hakkinen and David

Coulthard for the latter, are in-

adequate. It is simply that no one compares with Schumacher. In almost any other sport, a protagonist and superior to Schumacher would devour every record in the book, but motor racing is unlike almost any other sport in that it is not entirely a sport. It is, also, an engineering test bed, a commer-

Schumacher has effectively been handicapped at Ferrari, and, at a million pounds a race, be is handsomely recompensed. But it is grossly unsatisfactory when one so gifted cannot give full expression to his talents. Imagine Muhammad Ali fighting with one hand tied by his side, or Pele playing football in

flip-flops.

If the Ferrari can be made nearly as good as the Williams, that might be sufficient. Schu-macher, champion in 1994 and 1995, is capable of levelling the playing field and perhaps tilting the contest his way. One who subscribes to this theory is Martin Brundle, taking a seat in the ITV commentary box after

Peugeot. Brundle said: "Twe nailed my colours to Schumacher's mast and, although Ferrari have not looked so clever in testing, I'm sticking with him. You have to feel Williams again have the best package but, as Frank Williams has said, they may be thrown off balance by events away from the track."

Ferrari having hired Ross Brawn, at the end of last year, have recently parted company with John Barnard and added another Benetton old boy, Rory Byrne, to their revamped technical organisation. Brundle said: "I don't think it will take Ross and Rory too long to get things sorted and, if they get the Fer-rari close to the Williams, Schumacher has the ability to make the difference.

Another factor that might have a bearing on Schumacher's prospects is fatherhood. You have to wonder whether the birth of his daughter recently will compromise his commitment to some degree. If it does not, then Villeneuve and Frentzen could have the Prancing Horse

bearing down on them.
Flavio Briatore, still princi-pally boss of Benetton despite other sporting or business ven-tures, maintains that his drivers, Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi, are primed to be genuine contenders. He argues Berger has never been better prepared and that the arrival of Alesi's baby this winter has stabilised the mercurial Frenchman. Even

of bounds for McLaren, their new-look silver car should be good enough to convey Coulthard to the head of the British rankings. Beating Hakkinen may prove more problematical and this duel is

Jordan's position as the fifth best team appears under threat from Prost, who has already secured a Pengeot deal for next year. Olivier Panis made the most of bizarre circumstances to win at Monaco last season, and if Bridgestone tyres are as good in the wet as we hear, he could upset the establishment

likely to be a feisty affair.

Damon Hill is banking on the Bridgestone "joker" to help his cause at TWR Arrows-Yamaha. The car-engine combination is certainly not terrifying their op-ponents. Stewart-Ford, Minardi-Hart and Lola-Ford are the other Bridgestone teams. The

Tyrrell look to the reliability to Ford to revive their fortunes and the Sauber will be powered by Ferrari engines under the

Petronas badge.
Villeneuve goes into the opening grand prir, in Melbourne, as favourite for the championship and he will endeavour to build a decisive early season lead over Frentzen, who is expected to challenge more forcefully as the campaign unfolds. Close en-counters at Williams would assist Schumacher, who has a dutiful No 2 in Eddie Irvine and has no need to look over his

shoulder. Over the next seven months the championship tour will take in 17 venues on five continents, but the chances are we will see the 1997 champion standing at the top of the podium on Sunday. The last time the winner of the first race did not go on to lift the title was in 1989.

# Hill driven back to the real world

Britain's world champion has been reduced to the ranks this season. **Derick Allsop** talked to him

car and professes himself content. There it is, all the vindication he requires. He is world champion and no one can take the achievement from him or crase it from grand prix racing's roll of honour.

And yet the emotions are apparently churning inside him. much as they always have done. He has no chance of retaining his title, which pains him, and you sense he is aware others are still waiting to see what he is really made of Even now, Damon

Hill must prove himself. Hill and his supporters may not wish to see it that way, but then many of those who jumped on the Englishman's bandwagdifference hetween a Williams and a Wartburg. They are about Williams and an Arrows, and within the Formula One community this is regarded as the true test of Hill's ability and application.

Some who complimented him on his "descreed" championship success last season did so through gritted teeth. The Ulsterman Eddie Irvine was honest enough to express what many more felt. that "we will know how good he is when he's in a bad car.'

Hill, by his own admission, has spent his motor racing career endeavouring to convince a sceptical world of his talent.

"I felt for a long time I was trying to prove myself at Williams," he said. First as a test driver, then as a race driver, then telling Frank Williams I could lead the team after Ayrton Senna died. Then they put Nigel Mansell in the other car, just in case, and I heat him. There was always this sideways look."

Williams, of course, ree lines up for a new sea-son in Australia tomor-row with the No 1 on his Williams, of course, re-mained unconvinced at the end of the 1995 season and negotiated the recruitment of a replacement, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, long before Hill won the 1996 championship. By the time he was informed his services would not be required this year, however, all competitive options had been closed off.

So now he has, if not a "bad" car, then one certainly incapable of intruding on matters at the husiness end of the grid. The Yamaha engine, in particular, is a source of acute concern for Hill and the drum-beating assertion of the Arrows team owner, Tom Walkinshaw, that a win is possible this year, has had his senior driver backing off. Hill said: "Anything is possi-

on last year would not know the ble, yes, especially if it rains because our Bridgestone tyres work really well in the wet. But to see the difference between a when I talk about winning a race. I'm only talking about winning it on merit - going out there, qualifying high in the grid, outracing everyone and crossing the line first. Lucking into a win is not going to change anyone's perception of how competitive the team is."

Gaining fortunate wins is not something Hill is accustomed to, and herein lies the frustration he can no longer suppress. The imminent reality of his predicament has finally loosened a tongue held in check since Williams showed him the door.

"Yes, there will be frustrations," he said. "My record as a ratio of wins to starts and qualifying ratio [pole positions achieved] I think is second to Fangio. And it will be very frustrating to be powerless to stop someone taking the title. I felt I deserved the opportunity to defend it and I think I could have been going for a second



Hill believes also he might have beaten Michael Schumacher to the championship in 1995 had Williams given him their undivided support "instead of stubbornly and rather stupidly and obstinately sticking to the policy of not getting behind one particular driver.

"What you saw at the end of '95 was a guy who was thoroughly disillusioned and thoroughly disappointed and confused by the actions and policies of the team. I put myself in it for the team, not just for myself. I'm pretty loyal and I expected more support. "I think a lot of credit for the

success last year has to be attributed to the work I put in and Adrian Newey [the team's estranged chief designer] put in to make us a more effective fighting unit at the racetrack. tactically and operationally, than in all the time I'd been with

Hills' dismay over the stewardship and decisions of his for-

championship if I was in the mer bosses, Frank Williams and Patrick Head, has been compounded by the latter's recent suggestion that an unproductive season would drive the

36-year-old into retirement. "I don't take Patrick's comments too seriously," Hill scoffed. "I think he has been haffied by me for a long time and I still don't think he really understands where I'm coming from. I certainly hope to be arnund next year because I've still got some winning left in me and I want to explore the possibilities of winning another championship.

Those possibilities, he recognises, may have to present themselves elsewhere and Hill has only a one-year contract with Arrows. But he is similarly resentful of any suspicions that life in the slow lane will diminish his enthusiasm and commitment to the team's cause.

He said: "I'm going to invest a lot of myself in this season, and I've got a role to play here. There's no way I could do this

without doing it wholehearted- delight in seeing Gerhard Bergly. I'm a conscientious person, er. of Benetton-Renault, beat I'm a hard worker.

climh hut we've got to go up. There's so much potential here.

Tom won't want to have egg on his face this year and neither will I, but it is going to be very difficult, to start with, just to finish in the points, and that's the truth of the matter. I'm hoping my experience will give me an edge over some others who may have a more com-

Hill is aware he will have to demonstrate that capacity to earn a return to the forefront of Formula One next year. which amounts to the perennial, dreaded challenge be thought he had left hehind: the need to prove himself.

In the meantime, he will watch from afar as others compete for his crown and, he ad- taken disappointment before mits, he would take some and I know I can handle it."

off the Williams drivers and his "We have a steep hill to old nemesis, Schumacher. "I really want Berger to win

it and I think he could," Hill At least we know we can make said. They've improved the more progress than any other car, he's got the experience team in Formula One. perhaps he never had before, is the realisation that winning the championship will give him a warm feeling into his old age. I think it niggles with him he hasn't won it yet and he knows he's running out of chances Once the seed is in your mind

I know how it can grow. "I've had that niggling thing taken from my mind, but although I'm not in a top-line drive at the moment I don't want to languish. I actually feel motivated by the situation.

"I'm excited by last season, but more enjoying the prospect of the new season. I want to enjoy it. I don't want to do it if it's heartache and painful. But I've

### Formula One team guide

Still the team to beat. Vil- Schumacher has been playing leneuve starts favounte but down his prospects after the Frentzen has the pace to catch car's disappointing showing in and even beat him learn effort winter testing, but he has the could be undermined by an over ability to tilt the title balance if

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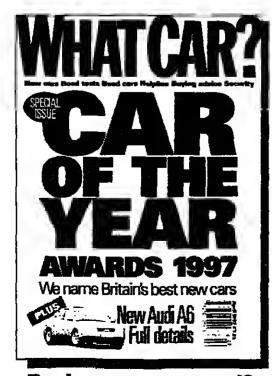
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WALES Premier: Beth Buccs v Clevedor; Bristol University v Weston-super-Marie; Usin & Lien
v Robinson's Plymouth v Whitcharch; Teunton
vide v Swanson.

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en; North Notes v Hadome; Nottingham v Olton Rugby League ADNAMS EAST Pressier: Bishops Stortford v Redbridge & Ribrd; Cambridge City v Chelms-ford; Cambridge University v Derehem; Pe-terborough Town v Ipswich; Sudbury v Chichester

WOMEN'S VARSITY MATCH: Cambridge v Oxford (Witherforce Rd, Cambridge; 2.0), Second XI game (12.30). WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Glocestership, Hereford, Devon, Somerset, Cornell, Doser (Boumerrouth SC, 10.30-5.0). Basketball

INDIVESSES LAGUE: Crystel Palace v Chester Manchester v Worthing: Birmingham v Sheffield Sharks; Hennel & Wettlord v Derby (all 7.30).

NATIONAL LEAGUE First Division: Cardiff v Westminster (8.0); Mrd Susses: v Covernity (7.30); Nottingham v Guildiord (8.0); Oxford v Bury & Botton (8.0); Plymouth v Shookgon (7.30).

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Other sports ATHLETICS: Breish Cross-Coursey Championships (Havent). BOWLS: Yelson Trophy women's semi-finals and final (New Earswick). BORDNE: Barry Hearn show! World Boding Organization Inter-continents/Restherweight title: J Invin (Doncaster, holder) v opponent to be named (Brantwood International

DARTS: UK Matchpley (Doncester). TOMORROW

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OR MARTENS LEAGUE Premier Division: Beldock v Dorchester (2.0).

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Premier Division: Home Form Election v Durdok (3.15). League Cap Quarter-finale: Broy
Wanderss v Shebboarte (3.15); Deny City v .

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NATIONAL LENGUE Premier: Cannock v Teddington (2,30); Carderbury v Hourstow (1,0);
Essis Grissbad v Old Loughtonians (2,0); Havent v Berfrod Tigens (2,15); Reading v Guidtord (2,0); Southigate v Surbison (2,30). First
Division: Bournville v Hull (2,30); Bromley v
Blusherts (1,0); Brooklands v Beeston (2,0);
Cdy of Portsmouthy Indian Synthians (1,30);
Copys v Bed (1,0); Donocaster v Lewes (2,0);
Edglaston v Odord Hands (1,30); Firebrands
v Odord Univ (1,0); Gloucaster City v Sheffied
(1,30); Warrington v St Albens (1,0); Tropins
v Stoupport (1,30).
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BARDWESER LEAGUE London Towers v
Laopards (5.30); Theres Volley Tigers v Leicecter Riders (6.0); Chester Jets v Hernel & Watford Royals (6.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE First Divisions Briston v
Scient (4.0); Liverpool v Ware (3.30); Oxford
v Mid Sussiek (4.0).

SUPERLEAGUE Play after Group At Ayr Scot-thin Engles v Cardin (Devils 17.30); Manches-ter Storm v Newspatie Cobras (6.0). Group B: Stacknest v Shetfield (6.0).
PREMIER LEAGUE: Ringston v Swindon (6.45); Paterborough v Guiddord (5.30); Sough v Tetlord (6.30); Sothest v Medway (7.0).

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# **Bath back their** local 'academy'

Bath, the English champions whose reputation as ultimate professionals failed to survive the onset of professionalism itself, were yesterday back in the realm of irony once again. Twenty-four hours after cold-shouldering their hugely expensive Argentinian imports, Federico Mendez and German Llanes, for today's Courage league match with London Irish, they unveiled a scheme designed to tap a stream of home-grown talent.

Following hard on the heels of their First Division rivals Saracens and Harlequins, both of whom have struck up partnerships with local schools in recent months. Bath strengthened its links with Colston's Collegiate School in Bristol, probably the most accomplished rugby acadany in the country. The club has pledged to cough up 50 per cent of the fees for gifted youngsters in return for first call on their loyalty at school leaving age.

The sharpest irony of all is that the three greatest players ever to lace up their boots at the Recreation Ground - Jeremy Guscott, John Hall and Stuart Barnes - were all educated at state schools. Tony Swift, the Bath chief executive, said the eluh would act quickly to allay the fears of other rugby-playing schools that the Colston's link would undermine their own efforts, "We'll be talking to head try threat at scrum and line-out, will be debated at a Special teachers and assuring them that David Sims and company hlew General Meeting on 6 April.

Chris Hewett looks at rugby's present tensions and has a glimpse of the future

we will do everything we can to support them," he confirmed. With Mendez relegated to the bench and Llanes struggling for match fitness, Bath go in against the Exiles with Graham Dawe at hooker and the old firm of Martin Haag and Nigel Redman at lock. Richard Webster and the player-coach, Andy Robinson, in the back row should give them a hard enough edge to dispense with their relegation-haunted visitors, who give Niall Hogan, once Ireland's captain, a debut

at scrum-balf. Quins travel to Orrell without the services of the rested Will Carling, whose midfield place goes to Jason Keyter. West Hartlepool also make a lengthy trip to title-chasing Leicester and are bolstered by the return of Kevin Moseley to their pack.

However, the most significant action of the weekend is likely to occur tomorrow. Wasps, the leaders, take on Gloucester at Loftus Road and even though the Londoners hope to field their new capture, Scotland's Kenny Logan, on the wing, they will be wary of the West Coun-

the Wasps tight five away at Kingsholm earlier in the season and as they fancy their own chances of qualifying for next season's Hemeken Cup, there could be fireworks once again.

Despite smarting from their comprehensive defeat at Leicester on Tuesday night, Sale are not favourites to enhance their own European aspirations with a second victory over Northampton in the space of a fortnight. Saracens, though, will not be quite so confident of seeing off Bristol, who are cling-ing to a slim hope of avoiding the end of season play-offs.
While the leading English

clubs have protected their own interests by securing a 12-team First Division for next season, sir counterparts in Wales are in the throes of termoil following the WRU's decision to forge ahead with an eight-team premiership. The move means four clubs - in all probability Tre-orchy, Dunvant, Caerphilly and Newbridge - will be relegated in May and no promotion for the Second Division pace-setters,

Llandovery and Cross Keys. Treorchy have already threat ened the Welsh union with legal action but the traditional big guns of the Weish game are in favour of the streamlining, which will bring them an increased share of broadcasting money. The move



Dream team: David and Marie Dutton met through their love of ploball and own around 50 machines

### Photograph: David Ashdown

### RFU looks to grass roots for support

**CHRIS HEWETT** 

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to your favourite rugby ground in the expectation of watching an 80-minute game rather than an 80-hour committee debate, politics are back

on the agenda with a vengeance.
Tomorrow, the Rugby Football Union holds a special general meeting at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham and as the venue is already playing bost to the Crufts dog show, there is a distinct possibility that the entire sport will the end of the afternoon.

The RFU, acutely aware of its own shortcomings during the transition to professionalism. will attempt to win widespread grass roots support for changes to its own management structure, which include the abolition of the posts of secretary and treasurer and the appointment of a chief executive. All fairly dry and straightforward? Not on your life.

As so often in the last year of communal backhiting, battle lines have been drawn around personalities rather than issues. The leading antagonists tomorrow will, once again, include Cliff Brittle, current executive chairman of the RFU and a constant thorn in the flesh of his own organisation, and Tony Hallett, the existing secretary who, if the governing leading candidate to fill the new chief executive's role.

Hallett's opponents will insist that the chief executive post be advertised nationally and that the selection panel include the chairman of the newly constituted management board - who, if the rebels win the day, will be none other than Cliff Brittle. By the same yardstick, Brittle's chances of landing that chairmanship depend largely on the election procedure agreed tomorrow; the RFU wants the voting to be confined to its own committee members, who be certified as barking mad by would almost certainly give their the end of the afternoon. would almost certainly give their bete noir very short shrift indeed.

Should the rebel contingent, led by a handful of clubs from the North-west including Manchester, Wigan and Orrell, win their campaign to extend voting rights to the entire membership, Brittle could well remain at the centre of the decision-making process, Indeed, if all rebel amendments are carried, the new ehairman would wield extraordinary individual power.

As a result, the RFU have mobilised some big guns in support. These include Lord MacLaurin, ehairman of both the Sports Council and the English Crieket Board, and Will Carling, the former England captain. They also include lan McGeechan, this year's Lions coach, who said yesterday: "I applaud Tony Hallett and the

body gets its way, would be the RFU Committee for their courage in this time of change.

McGeechan's stance is very different to the one taken by Fran Cotton, the Lions manager, who said earlier this week that the RFU had "shot themselves in the foot politically" and backed the move to advertise the chief executive's post. And Brit-tle? "Cliff Brittle is far more of a moderniser than people give him credit for, he believes in professionalism and doesn't want to bold it back, but be wants to see a properly funded grass roots game as well." Not much common ground there.

The Lions will have enough problems in South Africa this summer without political disagreements. But tomorrow's eting runs far deeper than that; a heavy defeat for the RFU will open up old wounds and inevitably lead to a re-hardening of attitudes among the senior clubs. English rugby's fragile peace is paper thin and ructions in Birmingham could easily condemn us all to another year of hickering and create a whole new agenda: one with "Breakaway" stamped all over it. Sky Television has won the rights to the European Cup for the next five years. Including

England internationals at

Twickenham and the next three

Lions tours, Sky will now broad-

cast around 80 games a season.

They should be supported." Now that is an interesting one.

> turned to Sheffield, they agreed to become penfriends. And there it might have are made of sterner stuff. They wrote and visited each other. Through the Depression, those dreadful days when computer and video games seemed set to drive pinball into extinction, their romanee still burned bright. Marie, determined to train as a nurse but equally determined to preserve their re-lationship, moved to England. Nine years ago, the couple married One of the first things

> > pinhall table that had hrought them together.
> > Nice story, isn't it? But it doesn't end there. The twn now live just outside Huddersfield in a ramhling 1830s vicarage that is a monument to pinball (or it would be if David ever gets round to repairing the 50-odd machines that fill almost every room). He is the reigning British champion, his wife perhaps the best female player in Britain. They have two children and - wouldn't you know it? the elder one, William, five, was standing on a box and playing pinhall as I walked through the

that David acquired was the

It was destiny, an encounter

made in Heaven (or at least in David Dutton was 15 years old

and on a school exchange in France when he wandered into a small cafe. In the corner, play-

ing the pinball machine with con-

siderable verve, was a stunning

brunette. For Dutton, a silver ball

enthusiast, it was love at first

sight. He found out that she was

14 and that her name was Marie,

The pair met every day and

played pinball. When he re-

Pinball conjures up images of

### The pinball wizards set for tilt at title

smoky coffee bars, truckers' cases or end-of-the-pier amusement arcades. It's easy to assume that those who still play the game are old rockers still mourning the day Eddie Cochran died. Believe me, I tried hard to find this ended. But pinball enthusiasts stereotypical player - but I kept running into bank managers, en-gineers and people like Dutton, an accountant by trade, who now runs an educational supplies company. There are plenty of women, too, because good pinball requires guile and hand-eye co-ordination, rather than brute force and good fortune. Watch-

ing leading exponents is an education for anyone who thinks the progress of that ball is governed by the laws of luck. It's not a matter of buying your own table tabout £300 upwards for a reconditioned one) and learning its eccentricities ei-ther. As an enthusiastic but poor pinball player, I had my machine serviced by John Whyatt, a former British champion. Having fixed all the blown fuses, soggy bumpers and missing lights. Whyatt had one go to test it - and recorded a higher

score than I had made in three years of owning the thing. His multi-million total is still there, mocking me. Top players give machines a

good shaking, running the fine line between controlling and tilting. This is called English or body English, for some un-



at large

known reason, and American

fast eye, quick brain and a nifty hip-wiggle. "You don't have to use the full force of the flipper," Dutton says. "You can do a lot of tricks .with that simple plastic hat." Like backspin, sidespin and in multi-ball games, holding two balls on one flipper while keeping the third ball in action. You need to see it to believe it. .

No wonder Dutton was hanned from playing the machine at his local pub. "The landlord said I was too good. He told me: You are putting in just one coin and winning loads of replays.' He wanted to encourage people to keep playing and putting in money Ah, there's the ebartered

accountant in him. He likes the concept that playing a machine in an arcade or cafe is winning the right to stop putting money in". But it's not always like that. Marie says: "We sometimes go into an ar-cade and he will feed money into a machine, trying to win and set a new high score. When

he has done that, he will walk

away, leaving replays up there."

Dutton is also one of the few Europeans to win a title in the United States, spiritual home of the game, "We took a year out to travel round the world players in particular develop styles as flamboyant as Michael Johnson's running. But you need other abilities besides as play better when I come fresh to a machine, and I was lucky enough to win," he says mod-The prize was a machine called Bride of Pinbot, reckoned by many to be the best of all pinball games. But it cost the Duttons so much to ship their prize back from Phoenix that it would probably have been

cheaper to buy the machine. Still, Dutton should be good. As well as playing his heart out to win his dream girl, he's been playing machines since he was five. "I lived in Liverpool and there were a couple of dozen cafes within two miles. Our neighbour rented out machines to these cafes, and I was his unofficial tester. He bought his first machine

while at university in Sheffield. When it broke down, he learnt to repair it. "The old electro-mechanical ones are not that complicated; it's the way the parts interact that's the secret. You can make them work with a rusty nail." Gradually, he has collected more and more.

"There were times when I bave thought, 'I can't get another one, but Marie has encouraged me and said: 'Go for it.' I suppose I am a little hit of an eccentric. It is a release for a side of my character that I don't use in other ways."

Dutton, now 37, admits that competition brings out the best in him. "When I play board games against the children, I find myself mentally smacking my wrists because I'm trying to beat them." He will certainly be the man to beat in Birmingham today, when he defends his British pinball crown. He has won the title three times, more than anyone else since the Pinhall Owners Association started 20 years ago.

However, his wife, who has been runner-up in the championships, is quite capable of beating him. "She's a very good player," he concedes. She delivers a Gallic snort. "He's not invincible." Maybe not. But I'm not playing against him, and he's not coming to mend my

The Wizard 97 Pinball Convention takes place at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, today and tomorrow from 11am-5pm. It features the largest number of pinball machines seen in the UK. The British Championship is an open event with qualifying rounds today and finals tomorrow. Entry is £5, including one child free

### **Hulme the elder eyes equality**

**Rugby League** DAVE HADFIELD

The Hulme brothers play against each other for only the second time in their careers today, with elder hrother David hoping to level the scores. After years of marauding in

barness for Widnes, the pair first collided last season when Paul's Warrington beat Leeds, then home to David. The senior Hulme will quietly fancy his ehances of an equaliser today, when his new club, Salford, go to Wilderspool in their Silk Cut Chatlenge Cup quarter-final.

more of a problem for our mum and dad, because they know that one of us is going to be unhappy on Saturday evening. I just hope it's Paul." If Salford's victory in a pre-

season friendly between the two clubs is any guide, it could well be the younger Hulme counting the cost. More relevant is that the two Warrington props injured that day, Mark Hilton and Dallas Mead, are both still out. Along with the re-turn of Steve Blakeley at standoff, that could just give promoted Salford the edge. Oldham have a difficult as-

signment tomorrow, at home to last year's beaten finalists, the

a close to full-strength squad, with Bernard Dwyer and the Oldham-based Matt Calland added to the side who beat London two weeks ago. Oldham have one Australian - Brett Goldspink - fit after a hand injury, but another, Matt Munro. will be out for several weeks

with a broken bone in his hand. The Cup holders, St Helens, away to Keighley, still hope Derek McVey will be fit after a similar injury and Steve Prescott is back after food poisoning. Leeds will give a debut to their

New Zealand Test centre, Richic Blackmore, at Featherstone, although their booker. Wayne Collins, is ruled out with a groin "It's fust like another game last year's beaten finalists, the Collins, is ruled out with a groin for both of us." he said. "It's Bradford Bulls. Bradford have strain. Featherstone will be with-

still be a strong Leeds flavour through their coach. David Ward, and a number of players who have passed through the revolving doors at Headingley.

Sheffield Engles have agreed terms to sign Steve McCurrie, Widnes' former Great Britain hooker who has been playing rugby union for Bedford.

Halifax have denied that they are about to release six players following the resignation of their coach, Steve Simms, tast week. A spokesman said the elub would never contemplate sacking players while they are waiting to appoint a successor. The deadline for applications has been extended to Monday.

### Pigott's plans for the future of Sussex

Cricket

Tony Pigott, the former Sussex and England pace howler, yes terday pledged to maintain his campaign to oust the entire Sussex committee after the county had been thrown into further turnoil with the resignation of the chairman, Alan Caffyn.

Pigott welcomed the resignation as a "step in the right direction", though Sussex have appointed their long-serving committee member. Ken Hopkins, as chairman in succession to Caffyn, whose seven-year reign came to an end after he pinned much of the hlame for an exodus of players from Hove on the axing of Alan Wells, the former captain.

Pigott, who served Sussex for 18 years, has forced a special general meeting on 8 April. when there will be a vote of no confidence in the committee. He said: "I can confirm I would like to become chairman. The future of Sussex is at stake and new blood and new ideas are urgently needed. I would like to come in and restructure the stand of 147 with Brian Lara. It club, with everything based on loing what is best for Sussex." Brendon Julian, the Australian Test all-rounder, will be Surrey's overseas player this summer for the second season

running. He missed much of last

year through injury.

### **West Indies lose** some momentum

TONY COZIER,

reports from Kingston, Jamaica West Indies 370-7 v India Carl Hooper duly completed his

from the West Indies did not materialise on the second day of the first Test here yesterday. Hooper, 87 at the start when the West Indies were 300 for 4, advanced to 129 before skying a catch to mid-off from India's best bowler Abey Kuruvilla less than 10 minutes before lunch. He was one of three wickets

seventh Test hundred but the

anticipated avalanehe of runs

gained by the persevering In-dians in the last 35 minutes prior to the interval when the West Indies were 370 for 7. It was a comfortable enough position but not nearly as com-

manding as had seemed likely at the start. While Hooper and the nightwatchman lan Bishop batted through the first bour and 25 minutes with little difficulty, Hooper could not find the fluency with which he had played on the previous day during his meant that the West Indies could only raise another 70 in the first session.

While Kuruvilla, a tall sinewy bowler of just above medium pace impressed again on debut with his length, line and variation of pace, it was the experi-

enced Anil Kumble who hroke the overnight partnership when it was worth 67. Flighting a leghreak he induced a heave from Bishop and Sunil Joshi trotted around from mid-off to gather in the catch. Bishop had made 24 and was followed 20 minutes later by Hooper's dismissal.

In for 4hr 35min, Hooper stroked 17 boundaries in his customary languid fashion but the manner of his exit was an indication that he has not rid himself of the habit of surrendering his wicket easily when well set.

Kumhle immediately accounted for Junior Murray, leg before wicket, and India's fightback would have been complete had Mohammad Azharuddin taken a low catch at first slip off Kuruvilla when the West Indics' last specialist batsman Roland Holder, playing his first Test at the age of 29, was three.

A quarter of an hour into the second session the West Indies had advanced to 381 for 7. (Second day: West Indies won total) WEST (NEXICS - Plint Indings

Overnight: 300 for 41 C L Hooper o Prasod ti Kumunita I R Bishop o Joshi b Kumbir ...... R LC Holder not out ..... 

### Sri Lanka's shortcomings

Young reveals

New Zealand 343-4 v Sri Lanka

Bryan Young yesterday scored 154 not out, his best figure in Test matches, to put New Zealand in command on the first day of the first Test against Sri Lanka at Carisbrook. Young took advantage of a disappointing Sri Lankan attack to earn his second Test century as New Zealand reached 343 for 4 at stumps.

On a pitch made for baismen, Young, Matt Horne, who hit a fluent 66, and the captain, Stephen Fleming, with 51, made Sri Lanka regret their decision to field first. The tourists were clearly short of match play and it showed as their bowlers struggled to maintain a consistent line.

Young reached three figures after tea when he drove a short delivery from the off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan to the cover boundary. He and Horne put on 140 runs in 146 minutes to establish a second-wicket record against Sri Lanka.

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### Five bid for 2004 Games

Olympic Games

The International Olympic Committee in Lausanne yesterday chose Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome and Stockholm as the five candidates to host the 2004 summer Games. The cities, chosen from 11 cities, will go forward to a vote of the full IOC session on 5 September, also in Lausanne.

The uniucky candidates were Istanbul, Lille, Rio de Janeiro. San Juan in Puerto Rico, Seville Doral winner, Greg Norman, and St Petersburg. Doral winner, Greg Norman, Bob Tway and Lee Rinker. and St Petersburg.

### Lift for Lyle as Kendall leads

Sandy Lyle, the Scot who won the 1988 US Masters, made his best start to a tournament for some time with a five-under-par 67 at the Doral Open in Miami yesof five players on that score.

terday. Lyle was one of a group Skip Kendall, playing in the last group of the day, had the best score of the first round, his seven-under par 65 giving him a one-stroke lead over three players. On 66 were the three-times

Kendall had eight hirdies in the first 12 holes of Doral's Blue course. "I didn't want to get ahead of myself," he said. "I just wanted to stay focused and hit good shots. The TV cameras started coming out then, and I hit it in a few bunkers coming in." Kendall's only bogey came on the 16th hole, when he was

caught in two different bunkers. Partly because scoring has been low in recent years, the course was reworked by Raymond Floyd last year, with new bunkers added and the final hole, the famed Blue Monster, back at its old level of difficulty.

An unusual lack of wind yesterday produced scores that did not quite reflect the added problems. The field's scoring average was just below par at 71.96. One thing about the reno-

"There wasn't one shot I was apprebensive on, because I knew exactly where the lines

were and where the ball would

go," Norman said after his bo-

gey-free round.

vations is that Raymond never changed any of the lines off the tees. I just hit the ball exactly the way I've done in all the years I've heen coming here," Norman said.

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FA CUP: Wrexham's road to Chesterfield for tomorrow's sixth-round tie has been an arduous one, with the Welsh side coming from behind on eight occasions. Phil Shaw meets the men behind an extraordinary run of success

# 'Racecourse Three' target last four

he switchboard is flashing fit to catch fire. Television crews trawl the corridors. No sooner has the driver delivering lager from the sponsors popped in to wish him luck than Brian Flynn is interrupted by a secretary asking about donating a ball for Red Nose Day, "It's like Crewe station," sighs the Wrexham manager. Correction: it is like a fire drill in a madhouse.

The reason for the clamour is the Welsh cluh's FA Cup sixth-round match at Chesterfield tomorrow, a tic which guarantees that a team from the Second (nee Third) Division will feature in the semi-finals for the first time in 13 years.

Now Wrexham have staged several great European nights and count Arsenal among numerous prestigious scalps, but they have never played at Wembley. Never mind lager, you could almost bottle the adrenalin coursing round the Racecourse Ground

The fact that Flynn and his confidants in the Wrexham "boot room", Joey Jones and Kevin Reeves, have seen it all before does not make them

### 'It was the result [against Arsenal] that turned everything round for Wrexham'

immune to the excitement. As players they won a total of 140 caps and commanded £3m in transfer fees. Wrexham have neither the resources nor the support of the hig-city clubs each once represented, so success on a national scale would probably be the most satisfying achievement of

Although none of the "Racecourse Three" gained an FA Cup winner's medal, Reeves, the assistant manager, soored for Manchester City in their defeat by Tottenham in the 1981 final, while Jones, the coach, lost with Liverpool against Manchester United four years earlier. Flynn, like Wrexham, is a stranger to the semifinals yet not to the competition's capacity to inspire emotional extremes.

Shortly after he broke into Burnlev's midfield, in 1974, they contested a place in the last four with a Wrexham team which included Jones, a in the Welsh national side. Flynn watched from the stand as a "wicked deflection... off Arfon Griffiths I think" took the Lancashire club to an unsuccessful semi-final.

The following year he made his Cup debut. Burnley were chasing the League championship and had home advantage: Wimhledon were South- move back here and paid the land-



Joey Jones (left), Brian Flynn and Kevin Reeves (right), the Wrexham management team who have revived the Welsh club's fortunes

em League part-timers. "They beat us I-0 and our dressing-room was like a morgue afterwards," Flynn recalls. There was a knock on the door and this gentleman from Wimbledon came in saying: "We'd like you to

have these as a souvenir". "He gave us these Womble shampoos, based on the characters from the kids' TV show. Zebedee was it? Needless to say it didn't go down too well at the time,"

Jones, meanwhile, moved to Anfield - after a fashion. His new club found him accommodation, but the pull of the old town proved too powerful. "I'd kept on my digs in Wrexham," he explains, "so what I did was

lady in Liverpool the £9 rent every week so that she wouldn't tell Bob

It became a recurring theme during a career that featured three spells with Wrexham, spanning the best and worst of times. "I just love the place. When me and Mickey Thomas played for Chelsea we used to commute from North Wales, setting off at 5am. We were often first in for training. Other times we kipped down in the kit room. Now that I'm hack here, a mile down the road. I'm always late.

Memories of 1977, if ultimately regretful, encourage Jones to believe that Wrexham can go all the way in '97. "We [Liverpool] were a hit lucky to get a draw with Everton be-

fore beating them in the semi. I still Norwich £1m for the young striker don't know why Clive Thomas disallowed Bryan Hamilton's "goal". The best team in the country wins the League, but you don't have to be

the best to win the Cun.' Like Flynn, he has one skeleton in the Cup closet, a terrible chasing by Clive Walker at Chelsea. "I had a nightmare, "Jones admits. "It was the third round and we lost 4-2-exactly the same as this year - and I seemed to take most of the blame." He never played for Liverpool again.

Lest anyone in Derbyshire begins to suspect that the trio are jinxed, Reeves actually owed his biggest break to the Cup. Malcolm Allison, rebuilding Manchester City after being knocked out at Halifax, paid

who would go on to play twice for England. Allison's time at City was almost up, but they made it to Wemhley under John Bond the following

May.

We were the better side in the first game with Spurs." Reeves says. "I remember Steve Mackenzie hitting the post after shooting with the outside of his right foot when he could have sidefooted it in. We'd have been 2-0 and it would probahly have been all over, but then Tommy Hutch (Hutchinson) scored an own goal from a position he was

never supposed to be in." The replay will forever be the Ricky Villa final. So why wasn't Reeves tracking back to stop the Ar-

youth policy modelled on the one which produced their own manager at Turf Moor. Five years ago, driven on by the veteran Mickey Thomas. the team who had finished 92nd turfed the champions, Arsenal, out of the Cup. "It was the result that turned everything round for Wrexham," Flynn says.

That run ended in a home replay

defeat by West Ham. This year, when the tables were turned at Upton Park, the London club alone have failed to lead Wrexham. Incredibly, they have been behind eight times on the road to Chesterfield. Once to Colwyn Bay ("we equalised late on and were glad of a replay," Flynn confesses), no fewer than four times in two meetings with Scunthorpe, twice at Peterborough ("my bogey ground") and again at Birmingham "our hest performance in my time

Steve Watkin, match-winner rainst Messrs Seamon, Adams and Co, is one of the Flynn fledglings who will be involved this weekend. He may be partnered by Gary Bennett, 33, a prohific scorer in his previous spell at

### 'If we started the match at midnight on Thursday it would still be fantastic'

Wrexham who came "home" from Preston last week after rejecting an offer from Chesterfield, of all clubs.

The most coveted new face is Bryan Hughes, an ex-trainee and frequent marksman from midfield, but not, his patriotic manager had to concede after a trawl through the Merseysider's family tree, remotely Welsh. Flynn, who makes no secret of an amhition to manage his country, regards his team as carrying the Red Dragon: "Oh yes, and very proud of it.'

gentinian's slalom through City's defence? "I'd given away a penalty against Arsenal on my debut," he laughs, "and after that I thought." There's no way I'm going back there His squad divides fairly evenly between Welsh and English players. Hence the Racecourse tradition of the Friday "international", a five-a-side game between teams captained by lones and Reeves. "It can be a bit fiery," the Englishman says, his expression a cross between a grin and a from Leeds to Burnley, where he still grimace. "A few tackles flying about."

Flynn anticipates that tomorrow's Anglo-Welsh confrontation is likely to be "very tense, because the stakes are so high". The indicrous kick-off time (the police having insisted on 11.30am) will not, he insists, detract from the occasion. "It's the FA Cup quarter-final for heaven's sake," he says, like a true believer. "If we started at midnight on Thursday it would still be fantastic."

There's something very relaxing about supporting a team which has meandered its way gently from disappointment to disappointment since leaving the First Division - what we still like to think of as our natural

home - 38 years ago. Of course, there has been the odd shock emanating from Fratton Park to disturb our equanimity. Not being relegated from the First last season was a bit of a shaker. Almost as exciting as winning promotion from the old Fourth Division in 1983 with a 2-2 draw at Northampton in the last match of the season. I reminisced about that with the manager of the day, Frank Bur-

### Pompey's life and chimes through Dickinson to Venables

few years ago.

But who needs excitement? As a friend who supports St Mirren encouragingly told me, the positive thing about supporting a side going nowhere is that you have few expectations. Lose or draw, it hardly matters. A win, and it's time for a chorus of the Pompey Chimes and a quick liedown. That's why I've been suffering from PMT for so long -Post Match Torour.

It did get a little exciting in

rows, in a Cardiff restaurant a 1992 when we reached the semis of the FA Cup against Liverpool only to lose on penalties. It was excruciating in 1993 when Jim Smith's hrilliant young team failed to be promoted even though Guy Whittingham scored about 500 goals.

No, it's so much more comforting to reflect on the heady days of the Sixties, when such sterling characters as Phil Gunter, Harry Harris, Ron Saunders, Reg Cutler, a winger who seemed to specialise in No 208 **Portsmouth** Richard Holledge

own goals and the inestimable Jimmy Dickinson ushered the club on its headlong decline into mediocrity.

glamour signings such as Mike memories and a penchant for Trebilcock (flash and uscless). Peter Marinello (flashier and just unbeaten in nine games, inch-

as useless) and Norman Piper (who?). I always had a soft spot for centre-forward Ray Hiron. So these are demanding days Then there were a spate of for Pompey fans with long

Wembley. Not many people will re-member this but we heat Chelsea - tomorrow's opponents in the quarter-finals - in the first year of the old League

Cup in 1961. Portsmouth were maundering around in the bot-tom half of the old Second Divisiou, hopeless, hapless, doomed. Their opponents, a giamorous First Division side. sported one J Greaves up front,

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ing towards the play-offs and a T Venables in the middle and heading for FA Cup glory at P Bonetti in goal.

Photograph: David Ashdown

Flynn and Reeves became ac-

quainted after the former's return

lives. Not long after they joined

forces with Jones at Wrexham in 1989 (Flynn may not know his Magic Roundabout from his Great Uncle

Bulgaria but he is the League's

fourth longest-serving manager), the club flirted with relegation to the

Vauxhall Conference. A year later,

with demotion temporarily scrapped,

Salvation came in the form of a

they came bottom.

No contest, Bizarrely, Pompey won 1-0. As the Daily Express put it: "Fratton heroes shake slick Londoners."

Even more bizarrely, the goalkeeper, Dick Beattie (from St Mirren, but no relation to my pundit friend) had hlacked his eyes with coal dust to protect against the floodlights. He had read that wartime fighter pilots had done something similar to dull

- Bath v Bromestove

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Hayes v. Morecambe

Kettering v Rushden

the glare of the enemy search-

The crowd for the Chelsea game was 13,000. Tomorrow there will be a capacity 15,500 in what is now an old, tired ground. The Pompey Chimes will reverberate over the terraced streets of the city and the chairman, one T Venables, will be looking on this time as his young, fast, hard working team, Paul Hall, Fitzroy Simpson. Lee Bradbury and Alan Knight in goal give those city slickers a hlack eye Dick Beattle would have been proud of.

And that'll be quite enough excitement for one year, thank you very much.

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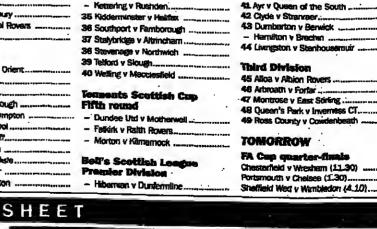
Deane is fit. Grant is out for Everton, with Bamp-

Sunderland v Manchester Utd

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by and Ferguson likely to continue up front.







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### Roy Keane and Danny Baker have taken over from Eric Cantona and Chris Evans as enfants terribles of their particular professions

If Wednesday night turned the form book on its head, it certainly sent a stepped the mark once too often" with his comments about that referee and few reputations tumbling too. Porto, billed as Europe's second best team (by Alex Ferguson no less) were apparently coming to Old Trafford to show Manchester United how it was done. United's only hope, we place next season thanks to our curwas done. Onted s only nope, we place next season thanks to out outwere teld, was that Roy Keane rent fair play standing in Europeanwould come steaming out of the nunnel breathing fire over the Portuguese men of war. Meanwhile,
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ting Keane sat this one out. Radio Five Live later that evening was to provide a habitually thought-

provoking end to the night's action.
Instead, Porto came, had a look,
and olwiously didn't fancy it. Meanwhile Keane and Baker sat on the sidelines, the former kicking his injured beels, the latter licking his wounds inflicted earlier in the day by er's caustic tongue would be akin to the red card administered by his BBC asking Graham Kelly to be upbeat, employers (who claimed he'd "over- curb Keane's over-exuberance and

that incident). It was left to Ryan Giggs to cement his hitherto flimsy reputation with an immense performance. Bearing in mind that England are on course for an extra Uefa Cup

Chiris Evans as enfants tembles of their particular professions. Both are higely falented yet capricious, prone to going in feet first without thinking. But while Baker licks his own wounds, Keane's misdemeanours often come at considerable cost to. his own side. And while curbing Bak-

you get, I believe, a truly great play-er rather than just a very good one. He thinks differently, claiming last week that his occasional rushes of blood to the head are "all part of my game because I'm an Irishman" - which is like excusing every Scots-man from buying a round. Ian Wright is another regular miscreant who argues that if you take away his passion, the heart of his game is gone; like Sampson without the hair presum-

But petulance, not passion, is surely the issue here. Wright and Keane are not hard men; they're simply aggressive players whose aggression un-dermines their ability. As the former Nottingham Forest defender Larry Lloyd once said: "Aggression is fine, provided it's channelled in the right direction. Keane thinks he's a hard man but he isn't in the same class as Olivia Blair



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excuse is that Keane has a passion for the game. So did I, so did Tommy Smith and Graeme Souness - but we knew when to draw the line." Even Keane's former midfield partner Paul Ince claims that Steve Bruce and Mark Hughes are "the real hard men. some of the real hard men. Ferguson's They get battered and bruised every

game but just get on with it". Indeed, Hughes bas admitted that "the first lesson I learned at the top was to keep my mouth shut. Because the people doing all the talking are really the

Ferguson defends Keane as "the most victimised player in the game", and there's no doubt that such players can be victims of their own reputations. At McDiarmid Park on New Year's Day, St Johnstone midfield Chic Charnley (now at Hibs) was introduced to me as "that playwas introduced to me as that prayers who always gets sent off". Charnley duly obliged, but his crimes were no worse than those being committed by his colleagues.

Yet they are invariably villains too, even if they are, Wright apart, conspicuous by their absence from the top 10 list of players carrying the most disciplinary points this season to date (a list beaded by such "bruisers"

as Carlton Palmer, Billy McKinlay, Noel Whelan and Emile Heskey). While that might appear strange, given football's current card-happy climate, it does support the theory that referees are far more likely to give the usual suspects the benefit of the doubt than victimise them. The problem is that when they do overstep the mark they do so in style.
Proof that football's Sampsons

can play without their hair comes in the large bulk of Julian Dicks, a player who used to wear a T-shirt with the words "Hello. My name is Satan"; who keeps pot-bellied pigs and buildogs in his front room; and who once admitted "I knew I was gonna hit him but I couldn't help myself".

Dicks was last sent of in September 1995. In the meandme he's curbed his misplaced aggression and matured into a left-back who can cross the hall as well as Andy

Graeme Le Saux - with as much pas-sion as Stuart Pearce. The cynics will say that Dicks is simply more adept at getting away with it, a view which any avid Dicks watcher will refute.

It's as if the player known as "Ter-minator" simply said to himself "I'll be back, and I'll still be bard, but I'll be fair too." Just as Dave Mackay. Gracme Souness, John Greig, and Johnny Giles were. So perhaps, in-stead of behaving like Danny Baker's favourite team. Millwall, and not caring that no one likes them. players like Keane and Wright should heed the best piece of advice meted out by Keane's former manager, Brian Clough, to Giles during his 44 days as Leeds manager. "God gave you intelligence, skill, agility and the best passing ability in the game. What God didn't give you was six studs to wrap

# . Unusual suspects on brink of glory

**Glenn Moore** looks forward to this weekend's intriguing FA Cup sixth-round ties

The most romantic FA Cup in living memory, or the poorest? It is all a question of perspective. This weekend's quarter-finals are certainly one of the most unusual in the old pot's 126-year history. With only two contenders having lifted the trophy in the last 50 years the pedigree is more mongrel than thoroughbred ::

However, we could yet have a final featuring Gianfranco Zola, Gianluca Vialli, Franck Leboeuf, Mark Hughes, Emerson, Juninho and Fabrizio Ravanelli. The worldwide television audience which will be tuning in on 17 May would be thrilled by that international collection.

Or they could be puzzled by the sight of Portsmouth against either Wrexham or Chesterfield. That unlikely prospect would be the first final without a top-flight team involved. Romantic? Or anticlimatic?.

The only sixth-round tie being played on schedule roday has romano: aplenty Derby County's tie with Middlesbrough will ties, if eveo hosted two semi-finals at the turn of the century." The ghosts of Bloomer-Dohertyand Carter will be watching as Ravanelli, Janinho, Igor Stimac and Aliosa Asanovic seek to become the first Italian, Brazilian and Croats respectively. to play in the final.

The match will also be Martin Taylor's first for Derby since breaking his left leg against Southend in October 1994. He replaces Russell Hoult who has been dropped after conceding In goals in five games, six against. Middlesbrough in midweek.

Taylor; 30, has played half-adozen matches on loan to Crewe this season but was so depressed after them he engaged a sports psychologist to lift his playing well in the reserves but Jim Smith was still asked if his

decision was "a gamble"." Not as hig a gamble as play-ing Russell. the County manager said. "On Wednesday night his positional sense for the first his positional sense for the first motion battle hots up.
two goals made him look as if Wolves go for a League doube had never played in goal beble over Tranmere at Motineux



Cup lie after 101 years and 137. Carried away by the Cup: Virmie Jones (second from right) leads his Wimbledon team-mates through training yesterday

not won away in the Premiership since September but in the cups they have been as different as Sir Bert Millichip's generation Danny and Kenneth Baker. are likely to remember them all. They have won all nine matches, three of them away from the Riverside. They also have goal-David Webb for Chelsea in Riverside. They also have goalkeeper problems with Mark Schwarzer cup-tied Emerson is minred while Derby have Dean

Sturridge suspended.

fore. I'm doing Russell a favour, goals of Camsell, Mannion and No one wants to come ont but Clough, have never gone being your are having a bad run it's curtains for the team." Bottom-placed Boro have never even reached it before. The other five survivors have all won the competition but only

Lawrie Sanchez won the cup 1970 but after that you have to go back to the days of sepia prints, Movietone pictures, cloth caps and Woodbines. Der-Middlesbrough, despite the by and Portsmouth won either

side of the war while Sheffield . Wednesday last won the Cup in the reign of George V in 1935 - they received it from his son, Edward, who would soon be crowned, then abdicate.

Wednesday, beaten once in 22 matches and not since September at home are beginning to fancy their chances this year. Opponents Wimbledon, who anyone would dare write them off. Kevin Pressman can be expected to clear the ball rather come the second team, after

quicker than usual, in the Cardiff in 1927, to take the FA league game at Selhurst Efan Ekoku dispossesed him and scored after two minutes.

Hillsbrough will host the BBC's live match tomorrow, those with access to Sky can warm up with Portsmouth-Chelsea while Welsh viewers can follow Wrexham's trip to Chesterfield. The winners will be have already played six more the first team from the third lev-games than Wednesday, are el (now Second Division) to showing signs of tiring - not that reach the last four since Plymouth in 1984.

Wrexham could even be-

Cup out of England. If they did so, they would not be allowed to represent England in the European Cup-Winners' Cup, the runners-up would qualify in-

Portsmouth may be a better bet to be the first winners from outside the efite since Synderland in 1973. As the First Division's form team they will not fear Chelsea, especially as Zola is beginning to suffer from the pace and frequency of English games. Terry Venables at Wembley?

Meanwhile, in the Premiership, Manchester United could go seven points clear and Middlesbrough be cast eight points from safety.

After losing 4-0 at home to

Tottenham in midweek the last thing Peter Reid needed was United's midweek demolition of Porto. Sunderland pushed United close in the FA Cup last year hut lost 5-0 at Old Trafford in December and, having scored once in seven games, must fear

### Ferguson joins Rangers' absent friends

Rangers, the Scottish League tish League deadline for sign-champions left reeling after ings due on 31 March. champions left reeling after being knocked-out of the Tennents Scottish Cup by Celtic on Thursday, were last night facing the prospect of being without three key players for several

important games.
The England midfielder Paul
Gascoigne has been ruled out until after the Premier Division meeting with Celuc on Sunday week. Erik Bo Andersen, their Danish striker, is out for three weeks at the very least after suffering a hairline fracture to his skull in the Cup quarter-final defeat by Celtic at Parkhead. And the midfielder lan Ferguson must serve a two-match sus-pension after the second derby with Celtic.

Medical experts have advised Gascoigne must remain in plaster for the next week to 10 days, Archie Knox, the Rangers assistant manager, said. Andersen was released from Ross Hall Hospital in Glasgow yes- the last four for the first time terday after suffering a fracture

will not be able to train for three our last five games and I took weeks," Knox said. "The fracture will be reassessed again at week at Troon to keep us all tothe end of the month when he will have a further check."

Rangers players booked on Thursday night, will serve a twomatch ban in games against Kilmarnock and Dunfermline at Ibrox on 22 March and 5 April.

Walter Smith, the manager. has already had his options restricted by the loss of Stuart Mc-Call and Sebastian Rozental for the rest of the season, while Derek McInnes and Trevor Steven are not fit. Smith is more hopeful Richard Gough and Gordon Durie, who failed fitness tests, will be ready to return against Dundec United

points clear of Celtic in their attempt to emulate the record of nine successive titles set by the Parkhead club under the late Jock Stein. As well as local rivalry, a crack at the European Champions' League is there for the taking and it may be that Rangers will be tempted into the transfer market with the Scot-

Successful Cup runs are not the exclusive preserve of minnows south of the border. Two Scottish First Division sides take on opposition from the Premier today, hopeful that they can progress to a semi-finid.

Greenock Morton face : home de against Kilmarnock in their attempt to reach the semifinals of the Cup, while Falkirk entertain another struggling top Division team, Raith. Allan McGraw, Morton's manager and the longest-serving in Scotland, said: "It has certainly been the year of underdog in

England."

Bobby Williamson, the Kilmarnock manager, has nothing but admiration for his opponent. "If the outcome of the tie was down to comparing the two managers, then Allan would win hands down," he said.

Falkirk attempt to reach to since they won the trophy in in an accidental collision.

"Erik is out of hospital and ager, said: "We've won four of 1957. Alex Totten, their mangether. We've beaten Dunfermline at Brockville and it will Ferguson, one of three take a similar performance if we are to get through against Raith.

Dundee United and Motherwell look set to sell out Tannadice with the all-Premier Division tie an all-ticket affair. The fixture is a repeat of the 1991 final which Motherwell won 4-3, except this time Tommy McLean is manager of Dundee and last time he was in charge at Motherwell. United are the form team in Scotland after a 13-match unbeaten run. but McLean said: "We are favourites but I don't buy that." next Wednesday. He added: "It is another big The champions are live game for both sides and our at-He added: "It is another big titude will have to be right on the day."

Hibernian meet Dunfermline at Easter Road in the day's only Premier Division fixture, with Hibs seeking their first home win since November and Dunfermline looking to move further away from the relegation

### McGhee keeps faith with his pack of Wolves

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and the second section Mark McGhee is confident and thereafter.
Wolves will hold their nerve. McGhee thinks Wolves, who when the First Division pro-

squad to avoid litters at Easter

have 62 points and are 10 points adrift of leaders Bolton, need a further 20 from their remaining 11 games - including

promotion place.

McGhee said: "It will be a question of nerve then, but I'm sure we've got the strength in our squad to see us through." Burnden Park with their man- Road.

today with McGhee happy he quite a favourable run-in - to ager, Colin Todd, expecting Per has enough experience in his claim the second automatic Francisen, his Danish international midfielder, to recover from a leg injury in time.

Crystal Palace face a London derby with Charlton at The Valley, while fifth-placed Nor-Bolton tackle Swindon at wich meet Port Vale at Carrow

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Sugar Ray Leonard has said that he will sight again less than a week after he was stopped in five rounds by Hector Carnactio. Having claimed at the time that his career is "definitely over Leonard said on a television programme in Los Angeles this week "vis." I will fight again. I'm going to

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Martin Bodenham, 47, one of England's most expenenced officials, has been chosen to referee the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley on 6 April. Six of Nottingham Forest's seven di-rectors have realigned from their posts, just10 days after the takeover of the struggling Premiership club. Chairman Irving Korn, who steered the club through the takeover, is the only sur-whor.

John Byrne, the former Republic of tre-land striker, has had his contract ter-minated by the Dr Marten's Premier League side Crawley Town. The 36-year-old has not played this year because of a harristing injury.

er, the club secretary, have all bean charged with misconduct by the FA fol-lowing elleged remarks to match offi-cials during and after last Saturday's Second Division match against Luton. First Drysion Bradford City have signed the Australian midfielder George Kulc-sar from Antwerp for a six-figure fee. Kulcsar, 29, a member of the Australian national squad under Terry Venables, has been with the Belgium club for the past

Robbie Earle has become the first ever Wimbledon player to be named Carling Player of the Month, after winning the award for February. everd for February.

Albania's World Cup qualifying matches against Ultraine and Germany have been moved from the troubled Balkan country to Granada, Spain. The matches against Ultraine (29 March) and Germany (2 April) will be played at Granada's Estadio Nuevo Los Carmenes,

with a capacity of 15,400. Albenia, which has been rocked by internal strile, has one remaining home match against

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Stefano Affonso, of Edinburgh, has been banned for two years after testing pos-tive for cannabis in the last round of Tennis

have moved to a new home base at Armadale this winter, have told Alfonso they cannot wart for the verdict on his appeal and will now look for a re-

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# Kipketer destroys 800 metres record

**Athletics** 

MIKE ROWBOTTOM reports from Paris

Wilson Kipketer generated de-light and disbelief in equal measure at the world indoor championships here yesterday by taking nearly a second off the world 800 metres record in his first round or racing, stopping the clock at 1min 43.96sec.

The Kenvan-born runner, racing for his adopted country of Denmark, had only decided to enter these championships last month, and when he took to the track for vesterday's heat he had no plan to make an immediate

year-old mark of 1min 44.84sec. That all changed as he glanced up at the huge screen after his first 200 metres lap of the Palais-Omnisports track and noticed his split time of 25 seconds.

When I saw that, and nobody was following me, l thought - OK, I have to go for it," said Kipketer, who thus became the first athlete to claim the \$50,000 (£31,000) bonus

Should he run faster in to-day's semi-final or Sunday's final, he would not receive further bonus awards. But, unthis weekend, he has already as-sured himself of a first instal-

ment which looks certain to be matched by a further \$50,000 for winning the event.

"It is good to eliminate problems," he said with a hroad grin.
"Now I have only one thing to think about, that is winning the gold medal. I do not need to run a world record again. One problem at a time...

"It was the first time a world record had been beaten in the first round of an individual event at any world championships. It was not my plan to demolish the field or the record. I set out simply to run a safe race." But his plan changed on the

movement, he took an imme-

diate lead and drew away from

training in the United States for two months with my coach Mike Boit and I knew I was in very good shape. Asked if he would have bothered to run at these champiboof as, beautifully easy in his onships had prize money not

suprised because I have been

been made available for the first

time, hee replied: "Yes, I was

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going to race here and it doesn't atter if there is money or not.

Asked if he was suprised to "I think you could call that have taken such a large amount my perfect race because I knew off the record, Ereng had set at nobody was pressurising me the 1989 world indoor champiand I could control everything." onships in Budapest, Kipketer He would not be drawn on rereplied: "I could say yes or no. flecting upon his hitter experience last year, when he was unable to run at the Olympics 1 didn't know 1 was going to break the world record, so yest 1 was suprised, but 1 was also not

because his Danish nationality has not heen fully established. After his performance in running 1min 41.83sec, the third fastest 800m in history, last season, Kipketer looks eminently capable of proving a point at this summer's world championships - for which he is eligible - by beating the Nor-wegian who won the Olympic ti-

tle in his absence, Vebjorn Rodal. But he did not want to talk too much about that yesterday

"We cannot talk about the summer before we reach the summer," he said. "We are here, we are in the winter." Which was a perfectly fine place to be here yesterday.

Jamie Baulch and Ashia Hansen, both of whom came to grief in their last appearances at the Palais-Omnisports three years ago, took confident strides towards their respective finals.

Baulch, running with the tactical assurance that he lacked at the European indoor championships here in 1994, when he tripped and fell in the final, won

his opening heat in 46.52sec. The 23 year-old Welshman admitted that he was thinking

about his unhappy experience before his race. "I was thinking. 'Oh God! Here we are again. This is the track." Happily for him he came through. Happily for his family, too. A party of eight are due to arrive to watch him today -

mother, father, two aunts, two uncles, his girlfriend Susannah and 18-month-old son, Jay. Baulch was accompanied into

today's semi-finals by Mark Hylton, who won his heat in 47.58. Hansen, back in the team on ppeal after being left out originally because she had missed the trials, qualified for tomorrow's triple jump final at her first attempt with 14.24 metres.

That ended an unfortunate sequence in indoor championships - she failed to qualify here in 1994, did the same at the 1995 world indoors, and failed to register a mark at last year's European indoors.

Jason Livingston's hopes of winning a medal in the 60 metres ended with a first round defear. Livingston, the first athlete to make a British team after returning from a four-year doping ban, could only manage 6.70sec and will have to be content with his achievement in winning the British vest which

he says he intends to frame. Results, page 31

# Ferrari set the target for rivals

**Motor racing** 

DAVID TREMAYNE reports from Melbourne

Relief mingled with caution here as the preliminary shots were finally fired in the battle for the 1997 world championship. which begins with tomorrow's Australian Grand Prix.

The relief came as some sort of perspective began to emerge during the first day of practice after the most confusing and inconclusive off-season in recent years had thrown up far more questions than answers regarding the relative performances of the leading contenders.

Caution might have been expected from the drivers after environmental protestors had deposited diesel oil on key corners of the Albert Park circuit. However, they failed to make any further impact and the drivers' reticence was evident not cuit but in their interpretation the others, maybe not - and of the first day's running. Michael Schumacher finished the day in control by half a second for a Ferrari team which. according to the jungle drums. had been troubled for much of

its testing programme. 'Our work went according to plan and our aim today was to find a good set-up both for qualifying and for the race," Ferrari's sporting director. Jean Todt. said. "But let's not get carried away. We know what level of

about our rivals? This we will not know about for sure until

This is a traditional uncertainty on the first day, when cars do not always run in full qualifving trim during free practice, which does not count for grid places. However, this year there is the added complication of the tyre war between the estahlished kings of Goodyear and the new pretenders, Bridgestone,

Drivers must now evaluate the performance of different compound tyres, and to do that some teams choose to run with a heavier fuel load, which can produce a misleading result by slowing them artificially. Having made their choice of tyres for free practice, they must thereafter stick with it for qualifying and the race. Thus it was also hard to draw hard and fast conclusions, since nobody could be quite certain who was running what.

"Couple that with the fuel sitcoming first today is a meaningless prize," Schumacher admitted. However, he said it with the air of a man whose machinery had surprised him. Certainly, it surprised others.

Schumacher's great rival and fellow German, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, who has replaced Damon Hill in the dominant Williams-Renault team, barely had time to savour the achievement of lapping faster than his colleague Jacques Villeneuve fuel we were carrying, but what for the first time, when Schu-



Michael Schumacher on his way to setting the fastest time yesterday on the first day of practice for tomorrow's Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne

macher beat his best time hy

half a second. "It's pretty nice to be that far up the order," Frentzen grinned in acknowledgement of the plaudits, but he was not about to let anything go to his head. "It's very early right now. Friday is a day just for sorting all the things like tyres out. I don't think the times matter."

However, Villeneuve's final lap was significantly quicker than Schumacher's at the two intermediate measurement points. The 25-year-old Canadian. favourite for the title after finishing second to Hill last season. made two errors in the final segment and watched the best lap time slip away.

Hill's under-developed TWR

Arrows Yamaha is clearly no match yet for his old team's quick new cars, but he remained philosophical, Relaxed, and outwardly resigned to the need to pay furbrought him to a premature halt in the morning Hill had mother dues before he can push himself back to the respectable end of the grid, the world champion even found time to joke

lose my Arrows scat as well." Until a gearhox failure

mentarily set the fastest time in the early running when his Bridgestone tyres were at their when his specially tailored dribest against the Goodyears of ving scat was delayed in customs. the Williams and Ferrari drivers.

"First I lose my seat at He expressed himself happy Williams," he said, "and now I with 13th fastest time overall, which was rather better than some had predicted for a car that has suffered persistent teething troubles. "In all honesty I think that if we can qualify two and a half seconds away from the front of the grid that would be a good result for us right now," he said.

Hill will not have missed another noteworthy performance. however. Ralf Schumacher lapped within a second of his brother's fastest time to take fifth place, in the élite company of Jean Alesi and Villeneuve. driving the improved Jordan-Peugeot that Hill turned down in favour of the Arrows.

Hill interview, page 28

### Everton poised to clinch £5m Bilic signing

**ALAN NIXON** 

Everton were last night rushing through the £5m transfer of West Ham's Slaven Bilic in time to have the centre-half signed before the transfer deadline. The 28-year-old Croatian in-

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ternational met Goodison Park officials last night after deciding to leave Upton Park following talks earlier in the day, exploiting an escape clause in his contract in preference for a deal worth an estimated £1m a year.

Everton are keen to have Bilic's signature quickly as they will need to process a work permit

By Sparius

application hefore he can play. confrontation was winessed by However, that should be fans on Thursday. arranged in the three weeks left for signings eligible to play this

The Newcastle manager Kenny Dalglish yesterday tried to play down reports of a training ground argument with David Ginola. The 15-minute players."

fans on Thursday. "The players sat on the grass

and we had a meeting," Dalglish said yesterday. "Ginola was one of the players that was spoken to but we're not going to disclose what's involved in discussions between myself and

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played down reports that Engand coach Glenn Hoddle has set up a crisis meeting with Premiership managers.

Hoddle was reported to have planned a summit with Alex Ferguson, Kenny Dalglish and Roy Evans in an attempt to avoid the withdrawal of many

The Football Association has of his players from this summer's internationals. "Although the England man-

ager talks with all club managers on a regular basis, there is no planned summit," an FA spokesman said. Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, said yesterday that any of his players selected would take part.

punishments we have levied

are not unsubstantial and

today's case will hopefully be a

The deterrent comes too late

for Chesterfield and Plymouth,

who both face an identical

charge following the brawl dur-

ing their game at Saltergate last

deterrent."

### **Brawling clubs fined**

have both been fined £40,000 for the 21-player hrawl at Carrow Road in December. The two First Division clubs admitted to a charge of "failing to control their players" and apol-

ogised unreservedly to the Football Association. The match referee, Kevin Lynch, described the incident at the time as the worst he had

seen in professional football. The Crystal Palace chairman, Ron Noades, said: "The hearing was fair and I think we got a good deal." The FA committee watched video and photographic

evidence before concluding that the clubs should be fined rather than docked points. The FA spokesman, Steve Double, said: "The financial month. Four players were sent off in the incident. The FA have said they will take "seriously" any complaint made

to them by the Portsmouth striker Paul Hall over alleged racist remarks made to him by Man-chester City's Eddie McGokirick. Hall claims McGoldrick abused him during Wednesday's 1-1 draw at Maine Road and has reported the Republic of Ireland international to the police, but

In Monday's 20-page sports section



'I felt that it was totally wrong that Matthew Le Tissier took the brunt for the [England] performance. Matt's been there before and is big: enough and strong enough to take it but, as far as I'm concerned, we should all have taken some stick' Alan Shearer talks to lan Stafford in the Monday Interview

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**IMAGE OF** THE WEEK

As our gardening expert Anna Pavord puts it: 'I wouldn't go as far as to say spring has arrived ... but it sure as hell feels as if it isn't winter any more,' Certainly these crocuses on a hillside near Tredegar, Wales, testifies to that spring feeling. Photograph by Andrew Buurman, using a Canon EOS 10, 35mm lens, 4,000th second at f5.6. To order a print of this picture phone 0171-293 2534

# thelongweekend

e are part of a world system, the working of which is no longer compatible with either democracy or peace. If we want them, we must change the world sys-tem. We must change it swiftly, for if we wait, the initiative will be in the hands of those to whom neither democracy nor peace is an ideal

charged with meaning.

The world system that is destroying hope in the world is capitalism. That it means the destruction of democracy, Italy and Germany are there to show. That it means war, Manchuria and Abyssinia and Spain are there to bear their tragic

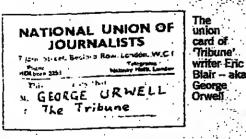
It is capitalism that has caused world depression. It is capitalism that has created the distressed areas. It is capitalism that is piling up vast armaments now for the war whose shadow bestrides our lives. It is capitalism that divides. our people into the two nations of rich and poor. Either we must defeat capitalism or we shall be

defeated by it.

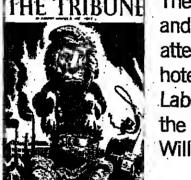
The defeat of capitalism depends upon the unity of the working class. If its forces are divided, as in Italy and Germany, it is defeated in detail. A united working class can take the offensive. It has the massed power out of which courage and hope are born. It is able to take the initiative from its opponents' hands. It is able to give direction to its effort. A united working class can go forward to a defined goal. It can move on central positions. It has none of the doubts which, through hesitation and compromise,

head straight to defeat.

The Labour movement of this country has



WORDS OF THE WEEK



THE TRIBUNE The great and good of New Labour and the old Left paid £50 a head to attend a party at a fashionable London hotel to celebrate 60 years of the Labour newspaper 'Tribune'. This is the statement of intent by first editor, William Mellor, published in 1937

sought again and again, since 1919, to find terms of compromise with its opponents, and thus accepted the "inevitability of gradualness". It has insisted that there are no lessons for ourselves in the experience of continental peoples. It has declared that "it can't happen here". It has tried to purchase peace by agreement. It has even tried the policy of partial surrender.

Once at every point it has given up the initiative, capitalism has ruthlessly beaten down its standard of life in the interest of private profit. We do not blame capitalism for this; it is the inherent logic of its system.

But we must draw from our experience the les-

son that, without the initiative in our hands, we shall be beaten as the Italian and German working classes have been beaten. And there can be no working-class initiative without working-

class unity.

A so-called National Government has takeo advantage of these divisions to move in the direc-tion of Fascism. As the crisis deepens, it will take

further advantage of them. As it has been in domestic policies, so it has been also in the international field. The League of Nations is dead, killed by the National Government. They are now doing a cynical deal with the Fascist conquerors of Abyssinia. Their pol-

icy of non-intervention has made of Spain a shambles in which the Spanish working class are the victims ..

All is built upon the same iron necessity - capitalism must find markets in which profit can be made. And since national states are the pawns in the capitalist game, their citizens must be killed, on the battlefield and in air raids, that the owners of the instruments of production may make the profit

It is this which has made the Labour movement socialist. It is this that has led it to insist that we can oo longer patch up the capitalist system. We know now that there need be no want, no poverty, no means test, no devastated areas. They exist because capitalism exists; they are the price we pay for its continuance.

And the longer it continues, the more intense it will become. Its contradictions now can be resolved only by abandoning all the gains the working class has made this 100 years. They have gone in Italy and Germany. They are threatened in Spain. In France they have been checked only

Here, they are threatened too. British capitalism is on the dole. It sucks the life blood of the state for its maintenance ... If we will the end of capitalism, we must will

by the unioo of working-class forces.

the means to socialism. The first step to that end is a united working-class movement, active in challenge and attack. Fighting for immediate objectives, fighting against reaction and Fascism. It must mobilise the workers now for day-to-day struggle against the means test, for higher wages, for the 40-hour week, for work in the most distressed areas.

It must work to bring into power a workingclass government pledged to put into operation a workers' programme, swiftly, decisively, dras-

That means immediate nationalisation of the banks. It means nationalisation of coal and power, land and the means of transport. It means the immediate nationalisation of the arms industry. It means the abolition of the means test. It means a great housing programme. It means the withdrawal of the aged from industry with pensions, adequate to a decent life at 60. It means raising the school leaving age to 16 with full maintenance allowances. It means a drastic upward revision of the scales of the unemployed until, by socialist planning, they are reabsorbed into work.

On the international front, it means real collective security. We must give the republican government of Spain its legal right to arms. We must tell the Fascist powers that the limit of their aggression has been reached.

We must join with France and the Soviet Union to resist their piecemeal threat to the remaining democracies of the world. As they are prepared to disarm. But as they threaten peace. so we shall defend it. For a workers' government.

Either we go forward now to socialism or there will be widespread retrogression to that Fascist barbarism into which the larger part of Europe has been plunged. For the Hitlers and Mussolinis cannot afford to wait; their grim gamble demands conquest or disaster.

Our Baldwins and Edens cannot shuffle and evade the issues they pose. The Labour movement must choose. It has now come to the turning-point of its history.

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Why do more people go back to Cyprus than anywhere else in the Med?

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# Forget 42; the answer is 103

William Hartston unravels the true significance of six characters in search of a number

he most significant moment in next Monday's television programme For the Love of Numbers comes close to the end, when Don Stallybrass, an astrologer and poet, is asked when he first became fascinated by the number 42. "It was 18 May 1993," he replies with unexpected precision. "when I saw this article by

William Hartston in The Independent."

Well, I'm terribly sorry to have to admit it, but it's time to come clean. The answer to Life, the Universe and Everything is not 42 after all. It's 103 and I can prove it. But first, the programme.

For the Love of ... Numbers (Channel 4, midnight. Monday 10 March) hegins with six characters who have found the secret of the mystery of life. All you have to do, it seems, is pick a number - almost any number will do - and wait for it to turn up on a passing hus, newspaper or hotel room. If you pick a small number, you'll soon be deluged with coincidences. If you choose a large number, you get fewer hits, but the feeling of joy when your number occurs is immeasurably greater.

The superstitious sextet begin by introducing themselves and telling us their numbers. There is Gerald Suster. whose favourite number is 93 (though he later admits that his own number is in fact 419) which was a number of great significance in the life of the occultist Aleister Crowley, a biographical subject of Mr Suster. He's very impressed that we're 93 million miles from the sun, but must be disappointed by kilometres.

Then there's Nigel Bourne, a paganist and musician, and Chris Gutteridge, a nasal youth with a skimpy heard, both of whom share the number 23. Graham Roos has a busier life, being fond of two, seven and 11, while Meg Pringle Adamson's number is five, "the number of freedom and expansion" - and she should know, because she writes personality reports on people based on numerological aspects of their names and

dates of birth. Don "42" Stallybrass was initially impressed when he read in this paper of the apparently coincidental occurrences of the number in various ancient religions and in the works of Lewis Carroll, all long before Douglas Adams discovered 42. Mr Stallybrass is now very fond of all multiples of his chosen number, especially 588. (You'll find a Stallybrass on page 588 of the Brighton phone directory, incidentally, and the joy he felt at heing allocated room 588 in a Vienna hotel cannot he described.)

Anyway, with Jon Ronson acting the part of a hyper-gullible, totally laid-hack presenter, these six participants engage in energetic and portentous chat about their numbers, saying things such as: "The universe is predicated upon number, and "23 always seems to come up in my experience when there's a random factor disrupting order" (23. incidentally, crops up a good deal in various episodes of The Simpsons), or "Nine, of course, is the moon number, the number of change."

"Of course" is one of those phrases that they all use in a rather different way from the rest of us. In the language of numerology, "of course" appears to mean "what I am ahout to say is totally unsustainable by any known form of logic". Another such word is "interesting" which is used in the sense of "mindbogglingly dull".

Aleister Crowley, The Great Beast', bad to appreciate

impression of being conducted by six that edition of the paper was 3.229: hlinkered number-fetisbists, each running in his or her own lane oblivious of all is also the number of letters in "Tuesday" numbers other than their own. Except for the two 23s who occasionally make contact with each other, and Mr twoseven-11 who is veering about all over the track. The seventh participant, the presenter, really should have been a little more critical, if only to give the others something to gang up against. As it is, they spend too much time nodding conspiratorially at each other and snaugly sharing the delights of mystic enlight-

Seven, of course, is a very spiritual number. A recent (unpublished) communication to our letters page contained the top half torn from our front page of Tuesday. 25 February, annotated with

Often, the conversation gives the arithmetical calculations. The number of and "Weather" both of which occurred just below the masthead. Just below that, drawing attention to the "Analysis" feature inside, were the words. Who cares if the sky is falling, which, if you add together the letters in each of its words. gives 3+5+2+3+3+2+7=25 and 2+5=7 again. The headline "The King's Road irregulars versus the jungle rebels" contains 43 letters (4+3=7) and the subheading "Security firm hired to end guerrilla war has 34 letters (3+4=7). Even Colin Wheeler's cartoon (note the

> had a 34-letter speech hubble. And it was, after all, 25 February (2+5=7). We do not know precisely why the

letters editor chose not to publish this chilling information. It may have been that it arrived anonymously - just an annotated torn sheet of newspaper in an envelope - or it may have been on the very reasonable grounds that the year is 1997 and 1+9+9+7=26 and 2+6=8. Had it happened last year, we'd have been delighted, but since the first of January we've been collecting only eights. Anyway, it's good to know that there are people out there adding up the numbers of letters in all the words on our front page in search of enlightenment.

Neither seven nor eight, however, is the real answer. And neither is 42. The true answer came to me in a flash while watching a preview tape of next Mon-day's programme. Take the numbers given by each of the six participants when introducing themselves at the beginning and add them all together, and you get 93+5+2+7+11+42+23+23 which gives a total of 206. Now 206 equals two times 103. Remember that.

Now take the word "bullshit" and add together the positions in the alphabet of its letters: 2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20. What's the answer? Why, it's 103 again. And finally, what is the date on which this highly significant programme is to be broadcast? The 10th of March. That's the 10th day of the third month. 103 again.

Of course, diebard fortytwoists will doubtless point out that if you add the one and the three of 103 you get four, and if you subtract the one from the three you get two, which hrings us back to 42. Yet there can be little doubt which of 103 and 42 has the primary role in this calculation, and which emerges as a mere corollary of numerological truth.

In view of our evident culpability in promoting the cult of fortytwoism on various occasions over the past few years, and with particular apologies to Mr Stallybrass, we feel that the least we can do is to offer our limited services to help in the promotion of the new religion of

If any potential converts have details of remarkable sightings of the number 103 or its multiples, we shall be pleased to hear from them. Contributions (no prizes in this world; this is a divine calling) to: The Games Page, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL. Mark the envelope "103" in a manner that will not confuse the postman. We shall collate replies and eport back at a later date.

Finally, and as a cautionary tale, we end with a little numerological game played on viewers hy Jon Ronson at the end of Monday's programme:

and nine. Multiply it by nine. If your answer has two digits, add them together. Suhtract five from your answer. Now work out which letter occupies the position in the alphabet given by your answer. Think of a country beginning with that letter. Take the second letter of the name of that country. Now think of an animal beginning with that letter. Imagine the colour of that animal.

Are you now thinking of a grey elephant from Deumark? No? Well, neither did I. In fact I ended up with a seven letters in "Wheeler", incidentally) brownish jerboa from Djibouti. Which just goes to show that this numberological nonsense doesn't work for everyone.

### Games people play Pandora Melly learns the indirect joy of chess

Brian Sewell, art critic of the London Evening Standard

I haven't played rugby since I was 26 or 27, and I gave up tennis two years ago when I had my first heart attack. I feel unsure about returning to it, and I stopped skiing for the same reason. Those were my three physical games, and I feel that an important part of my life has come to an end.

Now, board games: chess is something I might still play if I could find a partner who was bad enough. I find that chess is very useful when travelling alone in Turkey. If you are stuck at a bus station, or in a dingy little village with no bus at all, with hours to kill before bed, take yourself to the nearest teahouse. Order a glass of tea, and another of Raki the fearsome Turkish equivalent of Ouzo, and set up a chess problem. Within seconds, Turks will appear. They won't play chess with you, but it starts a

I did this once and someone asked: "Can I practise my English

with you?" His first question was: "How many princesses have you slept with?" So now you see the point of chess. After that, of course, there follows an orgy of tea-drinking and trie-trac playing, during which one learns a little Turkish and teaches a little English, and so chess has served its purpose.

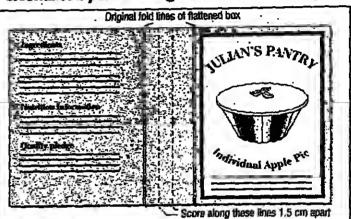
As for card games, at these I'm hopeless. And should I ever be compelled to make up a fourth at anything - and heaven forfend that it should be bridge - I have to bave the rules explained at every response. I'm really such a nuisance to the other players that they soon give up and turn to

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Tric-trac is a variation of backganumon using pegs as well as

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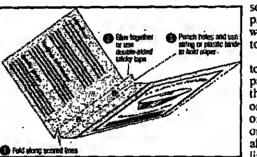
Personalised personal organisers from cereal packs



Forget Filofax: here's a way to make a child's (or eccentric adult's)

personal notebook from discarded packets. First pick a cardboard container with a design and product that you feel reflect your personality. Personally, I opt for the JetFill Premium Cartridge Refill pack, but you may prefer corn flakes or apple pie. Open the pack out flat as shown in the diagram above, with the front and back of the original carton connected by what was a side edge. That side edge will form both the spine of your organiser and the holder for its pages. Cut the cardboard to whatever size you require

Now score two lines down the middle section as shown. These will be folded, as in the second diagram, to produce the ridge



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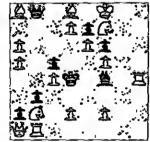
shut with glue or

double-sided tape, punch two boles in it and that's all there is to it. When you come to load it with paper, you can use a plastic papersecuring device, available from all esoteric stationers, but I find that a shoelace does the trick just as well and is available from any good shoe.

Bawn O'Beirne-Ranelagh

The games page is edited by William Hartston

### Chess William Hartston



Joseph Ney Babson (1852-1929) hequeathed to the world of chess problemists a challenge - known as the Bubson Task - that was to keep them occupied for more than 50 years after his death. The task was to compose a problem in which White and Black both have a pawn on the seventh rank, and in reply to four variations in which the black pawn promotes to queen, rook, bishop and knight. White must promote to the same piece

in each case to force mate. Babson had done it in a non-standard problem - a self-mate where White had to force Black to give mate - but composers despaired over attempts to do it in the standard. White to play and mate in n, format.

For fifty years the Babson task was thought impossible, but in 1983 the Russian Leonid Jarosh cracked it. The diagram shows his extraordinary composition. It is White to play and mate in four.

The first move is 1.a7! setting up the mechanism. After 1 ... axb1(Q1 White plays 2.axh8(Q)! Qxh2 (giving the king an escape square on d3) 3.Qxh3!

Qxa1 4.Rxf4 mate.

After 1...axh1(R). 2.axb8(Q)? Rxh2 3.Qxb3 is stalemate: but White plays 2.axb8(R)! Rxh2 3.Rxb3 Kxc4 4.Qa4 mate. Still more tricky is

1...axb1(B), when Black introduces the idea of Be4 into the defence. The only way to defeat it is 2.axh8(B)! Be4 3.Bxf4! Bxa8 4.Bc5 (or Be3) mate. The last themanic

variation is 1...axh1(N) 2.axb8(N)! Nxd2 3.Oc1 Ne4 (otherwise 4.Rxf4 will be mate) 4.Nc6 mate. Finally, and somewhat

messily, we have to fill in the details of the mates if Black does not promote his pawn at the first move: 1...Qxd8+ 2Kg7! Qc7 3.d8=Q+ Qxd8 4.Rxf4; or 1...Qc5 2.Bxe7 Qd6 3.Nxd6 axb1(Q) 4.Bxf6 mate; or 1...Qxa8 2.Rxf4+ Oe4 3.a8=Q Qxf4 4.Qd5 mate: or 1\_.Qd6 2.Rc1 Qe5 (to

stop Rc4 mate) 3.Nxe5 fxe5 4.Re4 mate. The magnitude of this achievement (and the fact that Yarosh went on to publish a slightly simpler version soon after) must make this a candidate for the Greatest Problem of All Time award.

Your Independent Apologies to readers who did not receive a copy of the magazine last weekend. This was due to technical problems.

### concise crossword



### **ACROSS**

Woodland god (5) Number of Muses (4) Radio-active element

Falter (5) 10 Conceal (4) 11 Ambled (8) 12 OAP (6,7)

15 Neighbouring (8) 17 Young animal (4) 20 Alcoholic drink (5) 21 Food parcels? (7) 22 Nurse (4) 23 Decoys (5)

### DOWN

Substitute (5-2) Catch on (4) Means of changing

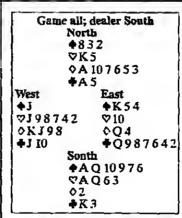
channels (6.7) Gwent town (7) Work of fiction (5) A great deal (4) English poet (6) 12 Perish from hunger (6)

13 Stand of fruit trees (7) 14 Ardent (7) 16 Estimate (5) 18 Seethe (4) 19 Six balls (4)

### Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword:

ACROSS: 1 Lighters, 5 Heir (Light as air), 9 Place, 10 Ukraine, Triumphant, 14 Chrysauthemum. to Oppression. 20 Regalia, 21
 Wheat, 22 Meek. 23 Hydrated DOWN: 1 Lipstick, 2 Glaciers, 3 Therm, 4 Rough-and-ready, 6 Exit, 7 Reef, 8 Drench. 12 Imminent, 13 Emanated, 15 Supply, 17 Sower, 18 Tram, 19 Ogle.

### Bridge Alan Hiron



Well pleased with the result of his safety play in his spade slam on this deal. South lost his concentration and missed a not too difficult way of improving his chances. It happens to us all South opened 1 and rebid 2♥ over his partner's response of

North gave jump preference with a limit bid of 3 and Blackwood led to the small slam. West led CJ against Six Spades and declarer won in hand. He

followed with the standard play of A. guarding against a

Mixed Doubles

The above sentence conceals words into three pairs, then pair. The sender of the first correct answer opened on 19 singleton honour in West's hand

be lost and the only problem lay in coping with South's losing heart. As a second round of third, South attempted to cash two top bearts. Unlucky! East ruffed the second and still had ♠K to come.

Can you see what South missed?

### Perplexity

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three answers. All you have to do to find them is to group the six rearrange the letters within each March will win a copy of the new

and obviating any guesswork. When & I fell it was clear that

there was only one trump trick to trumps might allow East to play a

It would hardly bave cost him to have cashed A at trick three and follow by ruffing a diamond in hand. When the missing diamonds prove to be no worse than 4-2, declarer can afford to lead & Q from hand. Now, if East holds off, it is perfectly safe to cash the two top hearts for all enjoy a long diamond for a

rammed.

that East can come to is a trick with his king of trumps. So, suppose that East takes his king and leads a third trump. Declarer can win with dummy's eight, ruff another diamond in hand, and still has VK and A on the table as entries to establish and

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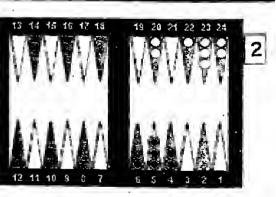
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discard of the losing beart.

22 February answers: Anne Boleyn (ennoble any); Jane Seymour (same journey), Catherine Parr (preacher train)

Winner: Rosemary Russell (Melton Mowbray)

### Backgammon Chris Bray



We return to the game where we left off last week. White on roll - should he double? Should Black take

Edward O Thorpe is famous in the world of blackjack for bis theories, published in Beat the Dealer. What is less well known is that he also studied backgammon, and developed a formula for accurately evaluating racing positions which takes into account distributional features as well as the pip count. Calculate the leader's (L) adjusted pip count as

(1) Calculate the normal pip count. (2) Add two for each remaining man. (3) Add one for each man on the 1-point. (4) Subtract one for each point in the home board with at least one man on it. (5) Add 10 per cent

to the total if it is less than 30. Do the same for the trailer (T) hut omit step (5). If T > L-2 the leader should double. If T > L-1 the leader should redouble. If T > L+2 the

trailer should pass. In the problem above, White's count is 38.5 (21+16+2-4+3.5). Black's count is 38 (29+12+0-3). Thus, according to Thorpe's formula, White should double and Black should take. Checking against the . Sconyer's CD of bear-off positions shows this to be the

correct answer. Thorpe's formula is remarkably accurate for this type of position, and it fails only when it comes up against

really strange distributions.
Use of Thorpe's formula will strengthen your doubling decisions in races and hear-offs. In the chouette from which this position was taken White, the box, redoubled to 4. Two of my team-mates passed, the other two of us took and we were rewarded when we . threw a timely set of double fives on the last roll.

The same of the sa

TURN TO PAGE 31 ... for the weather, sky at night, Jasper Rees on TV, Robert Hanks on radio and Damien Hurts' cartoon saga of artistic angst



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# Old Vic's masterof disguise

just 11, he was taken to the Old Vic theatre in London - "dragged there", as he recalls. "because I knew it was going to be boring" - plonked in a seat and told to watch Macbeth, as impersonated by Paul Rogers. The effect was amazing. Countless early Bardophiles have said, as he now says, "It changed my life", but in Pennington's case it's literally true. It was like Ruth Lawrence being given her first sum, Ryan Giggs encountering his first spherical object, Mozart hearing B flat major in his cot. Pennington went to the next production (John Neville in Richard II) and the next and... "They were doing all the Shakespeares here in 1954, so by the time I was 14 or 15, I'd seen the lot. It thrilled me. But it was completely unhrainy. It was sen". From that day, Pennington

has devoted the major part of his life to the works of the Avon swan. If his name and face are not as well known as his classical peers (Ian Mc-Kellen, say, or Alan Howard), it's because he has remained so grimly true to the stage. His career suggests a man in the grip of an obsession, drenched and drowned in Shakespeariana. He played Hamlet in a student production when at Cambridge in 1964, and went directly from university to Strattord, has played every Shakespearean male lead critic-abuser, and toured their epic conflation of the history plays all over the known world under the title The Bars of the Roses. He's written a bouk about the ESC, and a notably convincing and sensitive study called Hamlet: A User's Guide. Without actually changing his name to Will, and acquiring an Elizabethan ruff and a pointy beard, it's hard to see how Mr Penningtun can more forcefully express his interest in uur finest poet and dramatist.

He's also, however, been at pains to reinterpret the Bard for new generations and complexions of theatre audience the young, the working-class, the criminal, the Third World. the disadvantaged... "The best Twelfth Nielu I ever saw," he explains, 'was in a school production at Westminster, Harvey Granville Barker's because the innocence of the 1926 play Waste, which kicks performing was wonderful. And though it's heresy for an actor to say this, the ESC did a production of *The Tempest* in Maidstone Prison, with two dozens of non-Bard roles in his a production of *The Tempest* in Maidstone Prison, with two professional actors and a cast career | Chekhov is a special-

of lifers, which is easily the best ity). But committing himself to Tempest Tve ever seen. It's a Sir Peter's rep company for a play, of course, that's centrally concerned with freedom and imprisonment. Sometimes the crudeness or amateurishness of the playing affects me more than any more sophisticated treatment can. Just as the in town, disdaining television Shakespeare canon I saw in the mid-Fifties, though it was probably crudely done, and we might curl our lip at it now, it probably comes closer to the blood and thunder of what Shakespeare really is...

Hmmm. Does Mr Pennington comes across as a little too evangelical, as the kindly vicar

**41** think tongues are cheating when it comes to stage kissing. The audience can't see it... Playing love scenes is daft anyway 7

surveying the amateur-

ing "Ah, bless them..."? That wouldn't be right. In the flesh. except Romeo, co-founded the he seems without affectation, English Shakespeare Com- an unusually clever, thoughtpany in 1986 with Michael ful and articulate chap, nonc Bogdanov, the well-known of which adjectives can be generally applied across the acting profession. His days as a dashing romanoc lead (fairto-blond curls swept back from his handsome face and milehigh forebead) have crept past. leaving him, at 53, looking a bit lean and shrunken, his sharp eves hooded by Garfield lids. His drily musical, Alec McCowen-ish voice is accompanied hy a lot of graceful, actorish hand gestures, but nothing that would prompt a rebuke I 'And du not saw the air thus...") from Polonius. He is the very model of a professional actor, dependable and competent but perhaps less disposed towards passionate risks than heretu fore. And thus he seems the right man to play Henry Trebell, MP, the lead role in off the Peter Hall rep company's new season at the Old Vic next week.

long season - he will also be appearing as Trigorin in The Seagull and Sir John Brute in Vanbrugh's The Provok'd Wife - is a statement of intent for Pennington. It means he's back and movies and touring and even Sbakespeare, committing himself to the open stage and expanding his range of roles. "I do count myself lucky to have done all that Shakespeare," he says, "but I've always been a character actor by instinct, a disguiser rather than a self-promoter. When I first went to Stratford, I was always saying, 'I don't want to play the student or the lover, can I play the guy's father of the tractor hand or something?" He is proudest of having hoofed and sung as Archie Rice, the "saloon-bar Priapus" in Osborne's The Entenainer at the Hampstead Theatre, And he was pleased with the huge risk of Strider: the Story of a Horse, at the National, in which he played the eponymous equine, getting inside the role by spending two gruelling hours a day learning prancing and dressage at the barre.

Shakespearean ambitions. It's politics us idealism, in which Henry Trebell, an independent MP and intellectual superman, is wooed into a new Labour government and promised a seat in Cabinet on the understanding that he will steer through Parliament a bill for the disestablishment of the Church of England. But the repercussions of an affair with a loose-cannon married Catholic woman start to wreck everything, even when the Prime Minister tries to smooth it all over. It's a very wordy, brittle and Shavian piece of work, in which everyone talks political shop, everyone schemes in tuxedos and very long sentences, and the air is

thick with moral trimming. "Barker is as good as Shaw I think," says Pennington, "line by line and scene by scene. He hasn't any of that vanity and show-off quality that Shaw has. And I think I understand why he's not as big as Shaw; it's because his writing is so... chaste. His political arguments are very thorough. He doesn't stop halfway through with a joke, as Shaw would. He doesn't simplify. He asks that you listen." He gave a small sigh, "and he's provided the least commercial title of the century. Shaw would have called it "A Statesman and a Scandal" or "Too Pretty tu be

And now there's Waste, a drama with reassuringly

> - is hard to get in focus: he's kiss several times with impetua man who is, by turns, astute, unworldly, passionate, reclusive, a cold fish, a ladies' man, a political visionary, a political pragmatist... Pennington rises to the challenge by playing him with a near-permanent crinklyeyed grin which only cracks when someone yells in his face. I said I thought he was miscast. Did he have a clear sense of Henry's character?

"I'm getting there. It's not as simple as it looks. The thing is, Barker breaks one of the rules of drama, which is that a character should be just as he's described by everyone else. But before he comes on, they all say, he's such a solitary, he hates women - and first thing vou see of the guy is when he's incrally charming the knickers off a society girl."

The "girl" is Felicity Kendal, all flapper threads and coquet-

ous, let-me-devour-you enthusiasm. How had he come to terms with snogging the nation's sweetheart every night? "I must be the luckiest man in Britain," be gallantly replied. Did they have a bilateral no-tongues agree-ment? "I think tongues are cheating when it comes to stage kissing," said Pennington seriously, "because the audi-

ence can't see it... But playing love scenes is daft anyway. I've got away with it, all these years - I've never had to take my kit off. And now I'm too old for anyone to want me to. But for girls, well - you simply won't get through your career without having to do it, if you're halfway pretty..."
Back to the play. What is the "waste" the title refers to? Is

it personal or political? "It's a play about a man who's inca- you can't find it."

he's too proud to join in. He's never married, never had a family. Then two things happen: be gets fired up over a political issue and joins a government; and suddenly the idea of parenthood is offered to him. Then both things are abruptly taken away and the loss - the two wastes - are enough to destroy him."

Pennington, so adept at teasing out motivation and latent passion in Shakespeare, is frustrated by Granville Barker's impermeable surface. "If it was Ibsen, there'd come a point where a great fissure would open in the text and all this emotional lava would come out. But Barker never allows you that, I asked Peter [Hall] at the beginning: 'How do I show what he's really feeling?' You look for the place where it falls apart and

Bottomley ooce," he said with among the constituency she's cyident distaste. "She came to supposed to be looking after." see a play I was in, called Taking Sides and we went to the Ivy [restaurant] afterwards. At the end she said, 'What do you want me to do, now I'm at Heritage?' I remember pitching in with some things I feel strongly about, like the fact that students can't raise grants to train for the theatre any more, and have to write begging letters to people like me. All she would say was, "Ah, hut I believe drama schools are charging too much anyway" which rather misses the point. What struck me was, she spent most of the time in a devotional posture, with ber hands on the table before her. It was only when midnight struck that I realised she'd been looking at her wristwatch all evening. And at midnight on the nail, she left."

Was there was a little unconfessed anger here? There was. It was about the L-word. "It was when I heard ber talking about this fairly harmless proposal of Blair's, to spend some Lottery money for some form of grant for actors, and she describes it as a "Luvvies" Charter." Pennington practi-Trebell finding a cause to fight against. "It's truly hair-raising that she can express herself in pable of joining in. He's 51, he has beliefs and convictions but class? "I sat beside Virginia unpopular she's going to be observer of wasted lives.

Pennington's combative streak has surfaced at several points in his career - when globetrotting with a theatrical

troupe, having hlazing rows about the provision of cooked hreakfasts, and when resigning Company five years ago, after suffering the death of a thousand cuts at the hands of the Arts Council ("I threw my resignation on the table in the middle of a board meeting, stormed out and rang The Independent..."). Today, be's past all the actor-manager histrionics, the travelling Shakespeare Show that was the Wars of the Roses. He lives in Highgate and is extremely cagey about his private life:
"I'm a single, beterosexual bachelor" is all he'll volunteer to the press. Noting his strong paternal streak, I asked if he had children and yes, "I've a son of 30 called Mark, a very good illustrative photograpber. I'm going to be a grandfather in April. Mark is living in my house in the country in Oxfordshire, so I'm dreaming of lots of grandchildren Charter." Pennington practi-cally smouldered in front of trees..." How sweet to How sweet to me, like Coriolanus, or Henry encounter such a fond prospect of retirement. But, as parts go, it's a bit on the quiet side for such a connoisseur of passion, such a cautious





### John Walsh meets... Michael Pennington

### 'The Danny Baker who returned was different to the one who left'

n an Indian restaurant last sum-mer, a short walk from Wembley. England football fans were joyously celehrating their side's trouncing of the Netherlands in Euro 96. As the night wore on, the numbers thinned a little, but the place was still two-thirds full when Chris Evans and Danny Baker

The pair were greeted with a mixture of boisterous camaraderic and faint emharrassment, but the cuntrast in their reactions was remarkable. Evans, undoubtedly the higger star, smiled a little sheepishly and made his way to a vacant table, a beautiful woman un his arm.

Baker, though, was not going to let the moment pass. reached down and produced a

white garment. "This is Gazza's As the cheers died down, Baker flourished a second item, "And these," he declared, "are his socks!"

Matt Tench

gallery, but as of this weekend, his opportunities to do so have heen severely curtailed. On Wednesday, he was sacked by the BBC from his evening football phone-in show, a move which prompted him to resign from the Saturday lunch-time phone-in he co-hosts with Danny Kelly. Richard Littlejohn, who presumably went to the same school of tact and diplomacy as Baker, takes over the Saturday show.

Both Baker's programmes were on Radio Five Live, a station for "Do you know what this is!" he which he has nurtured a burgeonsaid, addressing the throng as he ing contempt. For now, Baker's association with the Becb is limited to his Sunday morning show on GLR (with tomorrow's show now required listening for news editors other side. I am not interested in

across the capital). The catalyst for the current brouhaha was Baker's performance outbursts alarmed the BBC bier- an almost unmitigated disaster,

which immediately followed the controversial FA Cup ue in which Chelsea beat Leicester City thanks to a highly debatable penalty. Baker, never slow to harangue officialdom, was incandescent, and devoted the bulk of his show to a series of vitriolic attacks on Mike Reed, the man who awarded the

"There is a maggot at the heart of the golden core of football, and it is referees," he thundered. Reed. he said, should be the sacrificial lamb. "We're going to make you responsible for all the bad decisions until there is a change." His coup de grace was to suggest that Leicester fans should picket Reed's hume in Birmingham.

When, towards the end of the show, a caller suggested he was being unfair to referees, Baker articulate, responded: "Lose him, lose him, lose bint. I don't want to hear the some kind of balanced argument." Not for the first time, Baker's

liuns, his show was axed. For many football fans, it was a sad, if inevitable, moment. Five years ago, Baker was the darling of supporters across the country with his brilliant hosting of the ground-breaking 6-0-6, Britain's first national football phone-in.

It gave them a national platform fur the first time and they came across as opinionated, passionate. and humourous; sometimes they were irrational, but rarely offensive. It played a significant part in the softening of the national image of football fans in the early Ninetles.

Baker was the ideal compere. A Millwall fan, he delighted in the programme's partiality, and spiced up the discussion with brief, stream-of-consciousness diatribes that were both mischievous and

As so often with radio stars, Baker was soon wooed to television, but his career on the hox. which included a chat show, games show and Daz commercials, proved much encouragement to play to the 10 days ago in the programme archy and, after a week's delibera- and in the past couple of years,

many were asking when Baker would return to 6-0-6. His long-term replacement was David Mellor, Tory MP and Chelsea fan, whose patronising style was in marked contrast to Baker's genuine matiness. (Mellor can sound like a lord of the manor who has invited the estate workers to the house for their annual visit and is prepared, just this once, to talk about their interests.)

Last autumn, Baker did return to the football phone-in - not to the Saturday evening slot, which Melfor kept and to which Baker made cutting reference in his first show, but to a new programme after Wednesday night games.

The Baker who returned was very different to the one who left. The diatribes were longer and more extreme, and those callers daring cnough to disagree received short. often abusive, shrift. To many, he had become a sporting "shock jock", though he angrily denied the description on his last show.

Others detect the influence of taken off the air. his close friend Evans, another

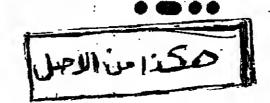


giving offence. In recent weeks. Baker has encouraged Spurs fans to throw their programmes on the pitch (an illegal act), described the chairmen of one club as "bent" and wished terminal illness on the board of another. Concern within the game reached such a pitch that the League Managers' Association recently considered withdrawing good will unless buth Baker's and Melior's shows were

Baker, who is 39, has reacted to

who is not known to worry about his dismissal with characteristic good humour, and there are already suggestions that Talk Radio are interested.

Even if they are not, Baker, who writes much of Evans' TFI Friday, remains much in demand as a scriptwriter. His opportunities to air his views may be much reduced. but the last thing he would want from the events of the past few days is sympathy. Those close to him suggest be bas enjoyed the whole episode bugely. David Lister is on holiday



# arts & books

# How the udder half lives

Forget knitting by the fireside: textiles are tackling big issues. By John Windsor

plot. And a thinly veiled one at that. This was the Barbican's textile exhibition, Revelation, described by freelance curator Lesley Millar as "issue based". The issues: "The Body. Gender, Identity and the Environment".

As every man knows, texthat, these days, women "textile artists" with a sense of irony, and sometimes humour, are turning the medium against men. Instead of knit-ung by the fireside, they are making woolly things such as Tass Mavrogordato's tapestry It's Thicker Than Water, which contains images of the warring Simpsons and a disturbedlooking male in a vest sitting below a broken heart. "It deals with the issues of geoder stereotyping, she said, rather unnecessarily, at the exhibition opening: Tapestry is traditionally narrative and political -an old technique that has lost

t looked like a feminist really macho materials, such as slate and old felt, that weighs a ton and takes six men to hang? Such as Clyde Olliver's Construction. Mr Olliver, one of two male artists in the show, is a tough-looking 47-year-old unemployed rent collector, who wears a mousiache and silver earrings. His father was tiles is women's work. Except a huilder. He got the chunks of slate from a Cumbrian spoil heap, made holes in them with a Black and Decker power drill, and sewed them on to felt with linen thread.

"I wanted to put men's materials back into women's work," he said. "I don't have any argument with the feminists, but I do worry about where the men are in all this. After all, male soldiers and sailors were great emhroiderers and soldiers were great quilters. I'd like to see that put back into embroidery history."
The "issues" seemed to be

gathering thick and fast. Jenny Ford, 38, who makes hangings of nylon tulle and Men can play at that, too, you might think. How about a almost wearable, admitted really macho tapestry made of she would never be able to



home, married to a hi-tech car lighting salesman. He was not an artist, she said, "unless you call sport art". However, he was "fully involved and supportive".

But how fully involved and supportive can a husband be expected to be when his wife makes a person-sized singlecup brassiere called Cow Tit and commissions studio photographs of naked breasts, titled 36-24-36, showing them being prodded and measured for symmetry, as if by a male

obsessed by page three? The artist. Liz Nilsson, a

pursue her art were she not at Goldsmiths graduate, met her showing male society's eyes hushand, Brian O'Cathain, in looking at a female body." she said. "The hreasts are Aberdeen, when he was workheing assessed for weight, ing on an oil rig as a geologist cleavage, alignment of the nipples and globe shape. I and she was an exchange student from Sweden. The callipers, shown being crudely chose these tools, which are used to measure bosom cleavout of context and mostly age, in the second of the four used by men, to show how photographs, helong to his womeo are told to present tool kit. He used them to meathemselves hy images in sure the inside diameter of newspapers and magazines."

pipes on the rig.
As her husband walked And the Cow Tu? "I am questioning whether the hreast is to do just with sex. their four-year-old daughter, The imitation cow hide brings Molly, round the exhibition, us close to thinking of milk. Ms Nilsson explained that the breasts belonged not to her, but to a frieod. "I am Think how a young mother is objectification carried to feels when she discovers that part of her hody has adopted a different purpose - feeding a baby. I remember having to breast feed in a puh: you've no reason to feel shy about Addressing Issues' to 13 April, showing your breast, because entry free (0171-382 7105).

> you do." Why only one breast? "It's Holidays (12 noon-7.30pm)

### 'I was a very beige child...'

David Benedict has a night out with Maureen Lipman

SOLO SHOW Live and Kidding Duchess Theatre, London

Like Alma, Lipman has made a career out of being a nice Jewish (funny) girl and her five best-selling books testify to an audience hungry for her mix of self-confidence and Jewish self-deprecation.

She once told an interviewer what she considered to be the golden rule of comedy. "Tell 'em what you're gonna do, do
it, and then tell 'em you've
done it. They go wild and
think you're wonderful
because they're in on the secret." It sounds prosaic, but in the right hands, this sense of complicity works a treat, and the best moments of Live and Kidding prove ber point "You know bow it is," she seems to say, before launching into another wittily observed anecdote, and for large stretches of the evening we do.

a symbol: one makes a state-

What did her husband think

"If we had the space," said

of her art? At home, she said,

her artworks were usually kept

Mr O'Cathain, returning with

Molly, 'I could live with a

giant bra, but the photographs are disturbing."
What did he make of them?

"It's about the absordity of

male gaze on female breasts,"

he ventured: "These are

almost mechanical measure-

ments that are being made. It

new lengths. The tools become

'Revelation: Textile Artists

7.30pm), Sunday and Bank

The Guardian. "Cruise gives

Times. "A happy-clappy fraud

"Lauded elsewhere as a witty

moral fable [it] is, in fact ...

a good performance but it

hardly warrants an Oscar

nomination," sniffed The

of a film ... Forrest Gump

with teauty and brains,"

deeply reactionary fare."

gun," concluded the FT.

snarled Time Out. "A high-

decibel fanfare for the status

Crowe's script and direction

gives Cruise the

chance to grow

up and act.

sneered the Standard.

"He passed," said Ms

like torture instruments."

ment just as well as two."

in the loft.

Nilsson.

it's in a different context: but Monday-Saturday (10am-

"I was a very beige child," she announces, winning us over with tales of growing up in Hull and ber subsequent hectic, eclectic, eccentric, egocentric life as ao ethnic, telephobic Yorkshirewoman," not to mentioo being a wife, mother and actress. She talks about her son who is in China. When I say that, most people think he's something big in Wedgwood." Wheo she about life as an actor, things become a little unstuck. Her song about Fiooa Shaw-style cross-dressed casting is a which was great in the RSC's a little more ruthlessness.

Door Alma Cogan. She should have died hereafter. In her solo show, Live and Kidding, Maureen Lipman joins Victoria Wood as one of the few comediennes who can work a laugh out of the Fifties singer known as "The girl with the laugh in her voice". It's a smart move. Like Alma, Lipman has made a career out of being a nice baffling here. Worse, instead of sticking to the personal, she starts telling jokes. Not only are they not hers, several are past their sell-by date and too many sail over her audicnce's beads. "Why doesn't an actor look out of the window in the morning? Because then he'll have nothing to do in the afternoon," strikes an all-toofamiliar chord with the 80 per familiar chord with the 80 per cent of Equity who are out of work, but the overwhelmingly middle-aged, middle-class, well-heeled audience dun't

recognise the gag.

The second half is more successful. Her Joyce Grenfell sketch of an overly talkative American woman turns from rambling amusement to genuine poignancy in a single phrase and her story of almost hyperventilating with excitement ("the baby-sitter was on a life-support machine") at

a life-support machine") at meeting Barbra Streisand is classic Lipman and very funny.

Her terrifying lunch with the Queen at Buckingham Palace is a riot. She clocks her fellow guests: "One captain of industry, oran black TV name. industry, one black TV newsreader, one actress, and I knew I was in the plot of an Agatha Christie ... and someone was

going to die." Laugh? I did, but this resolutely old-fashioned evening (she's even wearing New Lookstyle dresses) is strangely dis centre. You feel worryingly disengaged watching a performer who extracts so much humour from her own persona trading oo second-hand stuff. The mostly twee songs further upset widens her canvas to talk the comic rhythm, which means she keeps having to pick up ber own pace. She won awards playing Ruth in Bernstein's Wonderful Town. What's needed tremeodously adroit lyric with her meandering material is Shakespeare Revue but sounds To 5 April (0171-494 5075)

Last week's dance and classical reviews were by Louise Levene and Annette Morreau

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### THE FILM THE OPERA Jerry Maguire Orpheus and Women on the Verge of HRT Eurydice Cameron Crowe of Singles Lesiey Garrett and Michael Marie Jones's part-populist, Chance sing in Martha Clarke's ENO staging of the fame directs a new vehicle part-propagandist new play for Tom Cruise who plays a about menopausal women has sports agent who loses his 1762 version of Gluck's songs by Neil Martin. The job and gains a conscience. The film has nabbed Oscar opera complete with happy West End opening after its ending, conducted by Jane Glover and designed by premiere in Northern Ireland nominations for Cruise and in 1995. Jones also stars with Best Picture and done boffo John Conkiln in a co-Eileen Pollock under Parn box-office in the US. production with the New Brighton's direction. York State Opera: At the Coliseum, London 139 mins, Cert 15, Empire At the Vaudeville, London Leicester Square and on WC2 (0171-632 8300) WC2 (0171-836 9987). until 19 April. Booking until 31 May. Edward Seckerson eulogised over "its wonderfully subdued b John Lyttle pinpointed the Paul Taylor found it "an movie's masterstroke to be enjoyable hut patchy colourations ... beautifully transforming "a star's tardy EXCELLENT comedy". "Hardly great but it market repositioning into a sign of the times: white mirrored in the ... texture of undoubtedly offers honest, 台 her staging." Not so Jane professionally outspoken collar, out of work". "It's the Glover's conducting in which entertainment on a subject screenplay that stands out ... "a greyness pervades". "Arty farty," snorted the FT. "Achieves the almost which could cause complacent has both sharpness and bite men in the audience a few hot In its incidentals," praised flushes of their own," mused

miraculous feat of turning one

emotional operas into a limp little affair," withered The

Clarke's attempt to free Gluck

from the neo-classical tag: no

Honest, beautiful simplicity

nothing monochromatic about

in this big space ... there is

Jane Glover's conducting,"

asserted The Times.

A weak ending from all

departments

otherwise strong

spoils an

lonic pillars or white togas,"

of the most harrowingly

Guardian. "I quite liked

smiled The Telegraph.

The Telegraph. "Deeply

treatment, turns into

provincial ... merely a soft

defiance, when given ballad

marshmallow," frowned the

West End audience that

full, rich sex life, it was

preached The Guardian.

The flipside of the Cliff

Richard

experience. A

refreshing change from all the "Boy's

preaching to the converted,

FT. "It's a forceful, pugnacious

evening but, at the end, I had the feeling that in telling a

women over 40 should have a

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# Panto? Oh yes it is

#### It may be March, but tickets for Hotwells 'Aladdin' are like gold dust. By Philip Sweeney

bere are two hot tickets in Bris-Old Vic Theatre Company. Problems at tol this weekend. Not the Theatre this stage? Getting them to learn their As You Like It - plenty of seats still available. The only venues sold out weeks ago are the Hippodrome, for the English National Ballet, and a considerably smaller institution, a mile away out in Hotwells, the Hope Centre, where tickets for the annual pantomine in its usual eccentric March slot, are like gold dost.

The Hope Centre is a converted 18th century stone congregational chapel, stand-ing squarely among by clad gravestones in the hilly tangle of Georgian and Victorian terraces comprising Hotwells and Cliftonwood. This is a homely, mixed area, middle class mostly, but rarely posh, a sort of Notting Hill to the Kensington of its grander neighbour, Clifton. In the 18 years since its rescue from demolition and conversion into a community centre, the Hope Centre has offered theatre and music shows, sports, a creckie, yoga classes, dances, a weekly market, and lunches of startlingly high quality in its small school-room-like cafe. Since 1981, the Hope Centre's flagship fund-raiser has been the pantomime, an institution of sufficient legend that relatives and expatriate: Hotwellians converge for the weekend from as far afield as Sussex.

Why March? "A group of us were sitting around one day after Christmas saying how dull January and February are, so we decided to fill the gap," says Sue Stops, pantomime founder and joint director of this year's production of Aladdin. It's a Wednesday evening in February and already halfway through the traditional production schedule: Mrs Stops, a teacher.

tol this weekend. Nor the Theatre this stage? Getting them to learn their Royal's acclaimed production of lines. And project them, now. The trouble As You Like II - plenty of seats still with amateurs is they save themselves for

On stage, Tim Stevens, a chartered surveyor, is grappling with the nuances of the character of the High Pong, ruler of Hong Pong (this Aladdin is set, for reasons no one can specify, in Hong Kong). The trouble



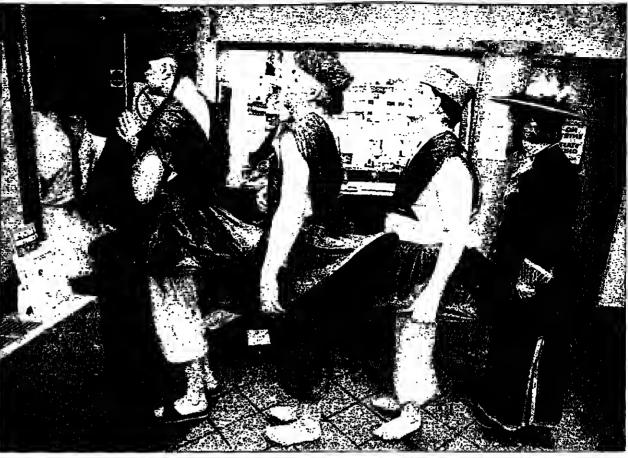
is the Hong Pong isn't exactly good nor really bad. Paul Crossthwaite, a physics teacher and father of one of the most pan-tomime-imbued families in Hotwells, is refining the leers and cackles of his Abanazar - just about the nastiest, slim-iest and most dishonest person to appear has an astute grasp of thespian behaviour, in the Hotwells panto" - while his 15-year-spirit and high jinks. The scripts manage formed by 17 years of pantos and a brother. Old daughter, Jenny, making her starring to balance broad humour, fun for the kids in the business as a member of the Bristol. debut as Princess Bel, adjusts the kimono and more sophisticated overtones for the

she's found for her costume, Upstairs, social worker Cathy Crossthwaite, Jenny's mother, is cutting out costume patterns and studying dance routines as a member of the Ambras, a comic female dance chorus named after the local street, ever since their debut with The Dance of the Ambra Vales. This rebearsal begins with an announcement by Rick Goldsmith, chartered accountant, treasurer of the Hope Centre management committee and temporary eunuch. "Bit of a cash crisis this month at the Hope Centre – if everyone could try to get ticket money in advance it'd be a great help."

The pantomime, it transpires, is of

greater significance than ever this year. Bristol council leisure committee has just cut Hope Centre's support grant by £6,000, on the grounds that it's not an arts institution, which threatens the operation of the centre's programme through the summer and could in turn undermine credibility in applying for £700,000 of lottery money to fund a major expansion. The pantomime, entirely paid for by its participants. brings in £1,000 a night in ticket money, a signi icant chunk in a total turnover of £100,000. Annie Scott, architect to the Hope Centre scheme. Sour of Abanazar's baddie trio, Sweet, Sour and Sorry, and mother of two other architects, one Wishy Washy, the other resting, explains the economic situation. "We want to excavate the vault to enlarge the bar, reopen the main entrance and expand the auditorium. The folding seating needs to be replaced, to increase capacity from 110 to 300, which will allow

bigger audiences and more profits."
The success of the Hotwells pantomime is founded on more than just community



Chorus line: performers balance humour and fun with sophisticated overtones for adults

adults. Centres of excellence have developed in the fields of both scenery and music, overseen respectively by Janet Magrie and Sue Otty, Janet Magrie, an art historian, first heard of the pantomime from a fellow passenger on an architectural coach tour in Germany, moved to Bristol, signed on as scene painter and gor hooked. This year, she's marshalling a couple of dozen volunteers and a budget of £30, most of which has gone on a huge roll of white nylon to create willow-pattern backdrops, caves and castles. Local artist Liz Vibert is painting two giant portraits of the High Pong and scientific editor and puppeteer Di Steed is creating a giant working mangle for the laundry scene.

Sue Otty, solicitor, music teacher and community activist, is directing as always a full cight-piece band, including a mem-ber of the National Youth Chamber Orchestra on cello.

On Thursday night, 30 hours of increasingly frantic rehearsals bear fruit, and amid much wishing of "break a leg". it's first night. On the whole, things go well. Tim Stevens invests the High Pong with sufficient mournful quirkiness to get laughs. Local GP Keith Erskine is a splen-didly fruiry Widow Twanky and a coup de theatre is provided by the cunuchs chorus. operating temporarily as the Fish Gutters. who produce handfuls of pink foam entrails information about events at the Hope from their fish in mid-song to shower the Centre, Herwells, Bristol call 0117-921 5271

audience. On the other hand, the washinglines jam and the smoke shows a tendency to follow rather than precede the genies. Afterwards, in the Rose of Denmark, the cast post-mortem the evening - the blunders, the triumphs, the celebrities in the audience like the Lord Mayor and the actor Norman Bowler from Emmerdale, whose wife, Di, is an Ambra, Sue Stops, trenchant as ever, has more serious mat-ters in mind - professional peer approval. Terry Milton of the Hedley Players is com-ing on Saturday. They're really good. We're going to have to tighten it all up." Howells Aladdin is sold out. For further

## Out of the ashes of war...

#### ... Cologne experienced a musical explosion. But now the orchestral good life is under threat. Michael Church looks to the future

V with Cologue, it looked families the experimental objects with the surface of the moon. In the centre only the cathedral was left standing, as though pro-recording of a boy singing the tected by some macabre miracle from : Benedicite was spliced with electhe surrounding devastation. But this tronically generated sound - reprehad always been a musical city, and it was music which helped set it back Schoenberg.

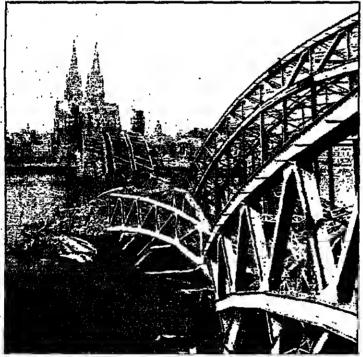
A year after war ended, the local: radio station was given a symphony orchestra. And, as its current boss. Heiner Müller-Adolphi explains, this orchestra saw its prime job as ad-ministering cultural first-aid. "People desperately wanted to hear the music they had missed during the Nazi regime. Schoenberg and Webern and Bartok and jazz - all the things which had been proscribed as decadent. They felt completely cut off from international musical life." When the new radio building was opened in 1953, Stravinsky marked the occasion by conducting the first German performance of his opera Oedipus Rex. A year later, the radio station spawned a barroone ensemble.

It also gave birth to something with bigger repercussions. Tape recorders had been pioneered by German radio, but it was the Frenchman Pierre Schaeffer who in 1948 first used one to produce that collage of "found" sounds known as musique concrète. În 1951 Cologue Radio went

hen the Allies had finished studio where Karlheinz Stockhausen with Cologne, it looked launched the experimental odyssey sented music's boldest leap since

. As Stockhausen got into his stride. composers like the Romanian Iannis Xenakis and the Italian Luigi Nono joined in Meanwhile Hans Werner Henze and the Argentinian Mauricio Kagel came to stay - and also, with Stockhausen, to teach at the new conservatoire. Students who caught the virus of experimentalism stayed on as professional performers; thanks to the avant-garde policies of the radio orchestra, they found a ready-made public. Thus did Cologne become the new-music capital of the world. Even today, Stockhausen (putting quartets in helicopters). Henze (reverting to romanticism) and the increasingly Dadaist Kagel are local éminences grises, while their students roam perormance-art's wilder shores. Cologne's cathedral precinct

bristles with music shops, in several of which a book entitled Music Law is prominently displayed. This is significant: musicians in Germany's 120 state orchestras have rights that are the envy of musicians elsewhere. They earn over £40,000 blockers before they play). one better and founded the electronic a year, and are all on life-contracts.



Music helped a devastated Cologne back on its feet HULTON GETTY

years later after a stress-free career point of collapse, and the orchestral (there seem to be no tales in Cologne to match London's horror stories of second violinists devouring beta-But, as all the world knows, Ger-

They can go in at 21, and retire 44 many's economic miracle is on the good life is suddenly under threat. A straw poll of key musical figures in Cologne reveals sharp disagreement over the future of these luxurious contracts. Müller-Adolphi says he has

go soft" - but the unions have always vetoed that. "But as cities start to go unions will have to accept this."

Not so, says a senior cellist in his orchestra. "Life-contracts are normal in all German professions, and no level of ability, you have the right to be safe in your employment." Yes, ago much depends on the outcome. may sometimes reduce physical competence - "but, if you are older, you have more experience, so it balances out." An administrator at another orchestra, despairing at the difficulty of trying to remove tired players. dumly remarks that it would actually be easier to close orchestras down than abolish life-contracts.

Hans Vonk, the laid-back Dutchman who has been principal conductor of the Radio Symphony Orchestra for the past six years, is glad for his players' good fortune - and rates their work high - but thinks a shade more stress might produce even better results. That's as may be, however, because at the end of this season he's off to St Louis - succeeding the charismatic Leonard Slatkin - and his departure is provoking frantic manœuvres behind the scenes.

For, as Munich is currently finding

long wanted to see three-year con- Celibidache - there are not enough tracts - "otherwise people can get lazy, charismatic conductors to go round. The RSO has appointed a "finding Liesmann, Cologne's leading newcommittee" with representatives from broke, they will not be able to afford the rank and file, and everyone has had offered a protective biosphere in life-contracts any more. Finally the the right to make nominations. These which composers from all over the have been whittled down to three - world have been able to make their André Previn. Neeme Järvi and Semyon Bychkov - each of whom is currently doing concerts which are, in conductor or administrator will be effect auditions. The contest is all very able to change it. If you are at the top gentlemanly, and it's all officially denied, but everyone is agog, because

When asked to crystal-gaze 10 years hence. Vonk gives a candid reply: "I see fewer orchestras, less rehearsal time, lower pay, and shorter contracts. Everything will be more difficult." He then adds that he hopes the Radio Symphony "doesn't make the same mistake which the South Bank made in London, I don't want to see them retreat into the safe haven of Beethoven's Fifth and Tchaikovsky's Fifth." He was shocked to be asked, on a recent visit to London, to lop off a "difficult" work by the Cologne avant-gardist Bernd Alois Zimmermann, on the grounds that it might put punters off. (This. presumably, before ENO turned the same composer's Die Soldaren into a hit.) "The orchestra absolutely must preserve their taste for adventure."

This sentiment may be somewhat undercut by the "safe" repertoire - conductorless since the death of They're bringing to Britain this week ingliam (0121-212 3333)

(Weber, Mendelssohn and Brahms). but it is vigorously echoed by Renate music co-ordinator. This city has experiments, but this biosphere is now under threat. Our cultural life is getting more and more expensive, and there is less and less scope for inspiration. People won't admit it yet, but everyone can sense that some fundamental change is in the air."

At which point it seems appro-priate to seek the view at Cologne's 10-year-old Philharmonie - acoustically one of the best halls in the world. Business, say its bosses, has never been better, and that goes for the avant-garde stuff as well. This spring they are holding their second Musikiriennale, in which the names of Rattle, Barenboim, Kremer and Björk figure with equal prominence, On two successive nights I find the 2.200-seater hall packed, with long queues for returns.

Music in post-war Cologne has followed a huge are - rising from the ruins, cruising the heights - but it's not going to crash back down to earth just vet.

Cologne RSO on tour. Sun. Bridgewater Hall, Manchester (0161-907 9000); Mon. RFH. London (0171-960) 42421; Tite, Symphony Hall, Birm-

## French without tears

DANCE Decoudex, New Victoria Theatre, Woking

emember the 1992 Winter Olympics opening ceremony? Mc neither. However, this televisual extravaganza catapulted the dancemaker and illusionist Philippe Decoufié to fame. His latest show, Decoder, has been touring Europe to packed houses since 1995 and is currently making its farewell performances as the highlight of the Woking Dance Umbrella. When I last saw Decouffe's company at London's Almeida Theatre 10 years ago in Technicolor he was working on a far humbler scale, content with a bandful of men and a stepladder. Yet all the elements were in place: the acrobatic dance, the circus skills, the Gallic wit and whimsy - lessons learns at the feet of men like Marcel Marceau and Alwin Nikolais. The American showman's early influence, combined with Decoufié's more recent collaboration. with costume fantasist Philippe Guillotel, gave birth to Decodex, a surreal hybrid of dance and circus. The work is filled with other worldly

images delivered in bewildering succession. Stripy dancers with their feet encased in giant fish-tail flippers lollop about the stage while Dominique Willoughby's flickering projections play on their eerily phosphorescent costumes. A figure enters, his hands replaced by snaking temacles four-feet long, which flick around his body like huge fly whisks. Enter two men in suits carrying a baki man in a vast inflatable

white bag, which he attacks like a clueless bachelor in a fight with a duvet cover. Three dancers surround their bodies with long concertina-like hoses forming a sort of human Pompidou Centre.

Some of these visual effects are

reminiscent of other prop-crazed illusionists like Moses Pendleton's Momix or Victoria Chaplin's Circle Invisible, Happily, Decoder is free of Pendleton's cutesy vulgarity and Chaplin's flaccid feyness. Decouflé's more robust wit is a big help - as are the dancers themselves. Available in all shapes and sizes, they peep over their spectacles from time to time to deliver fleeting phrases of pure dance performed with great style. The audience, which featured a lot of young children and teenagers, was amused and appreciative.

I liked it, too, but I was very grateful to find it a good half-hour short of the advertised 90 minutes. A lot of it was beautiful, It's sensationally dressed, Eric Wurtz's lighting is inspired, the music and the moods are varied but flicking through a crazy catalogue of images can become somewhat enervating if it hasn't been indexed by a guiding intelligence and fortified with just a pinch of meaning. Maybe it's just a language barrier, perhaps Decouffé is merely proving that you can spenk French without saying a word. Today 2.30 & 8pm (01483 761144) Louise Levene

## Ruling passion

CLASSICAL Monteverdi's Orfeo Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, and touring

Keni Opera's carefully paced resurrection has gained fresh energy with a compelling production of Monteverdi's Orjeo, accessible in style and delivered by an attractive young cast. Here is a company determined to make the most of its resources and committed to the idea of stimulating its audiences, a combination that made up for any occasional shortcomings in the quality of its performers.

The dramatic power of Monteverdi's work was revealed without robbing any of its intimacy, projecting Orfeo's despair clearly and underlining the character's frailty. Tim Carroll's staging proved satisfyingly simple, enlivened by Terry Gilbert's graceful treatment of the choral dances and assured choreography elsewhere. Kent Opera stalwart Roger Butlin struck a convincing balance between classical austerity and Baroque excess in his designs, presenting a monolithic backdrop to the realm of Hades and conjuring up a lurid vision of its infernal inhabitants that would have pleased Peter Greenaway. Paul Grier's blubbery Charon was suitably repellent. wearing a bald wig, a leather corse and enough chains to suggest that fans of bondage need not abandon all hope of fun in the Underworld.

Gwion Thomas was in heroic form

as Orico, rich of voice and entirely at

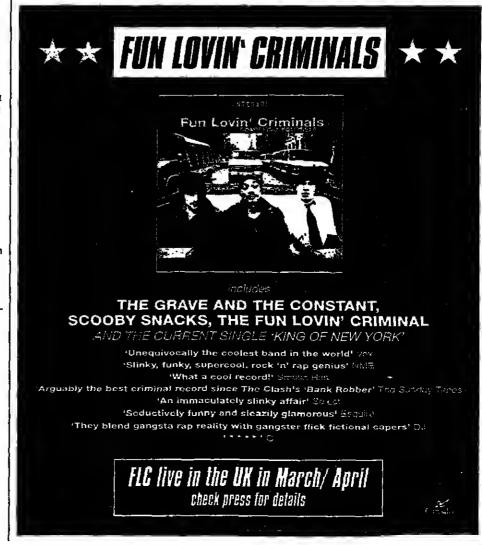
ease with the wide range of his part. The smoothness of his legato and

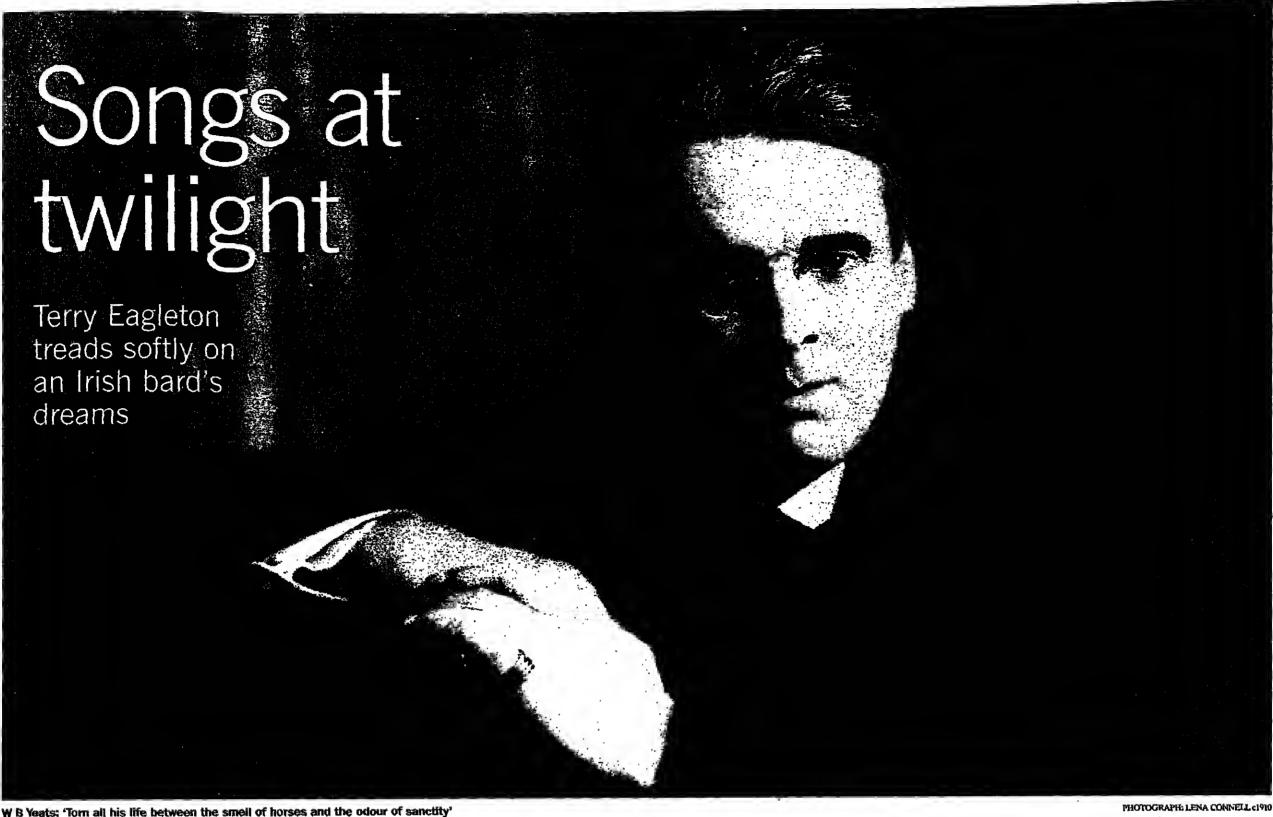
effortless delivery of the text gave an

always reproduced by others in the cast who stumbled over the diphthongs and other linguistic hurdles of Anne Ridler's idiomatic English translation. Above all, Thomas bad an innate feeling for the style of Monteverdi's monody, outlining his plea to Charon in the third act with heart-breaking tendemess and bringing an unforced naturalness to his final lament for Euridice. Likewise, Rachel Wheatley's pure-voiced Euridice, Julier Schiemann's alluring Hope and Clara Sanabras's Messenger were founded on the principles of good singing, expressive in their response to the text and imaginative in their variations of ione colour. The Pluto of Martin Robson was suitably implacable, a coldhearted complement to the likeable Proserpina of Esther King, while Paul Grier suggested that beefy Charon was blessed with a him of human kindness. Rhythmic freedom was encouraged by music director John Toll and his

impression of Italian warmth, not

admirable team of continuo players. Debates about the speed of dances and the ritornelli in early Baroque opera seem irrelevant when a work is conditioned by a desire to highlight the drama and passion of the music. Toll focused on the tragedy of Orfeo and Euridice, which was exploited by the company's principal players and convincingly conveyed in the choral numbers following Euridice's death.





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W B Yeats: a life. Vol 1: The Apprentice to Rosicrucianism. But Yeats combined Mage, 1865-1914

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ou were silly like us." WH Auden wrote of Yeats, but he was really just being polite: Yeats was a lot sillier than almost any of us. Few poets of comparable greatness have believed such extravagant nonsense. Spiritualism, theosophy, astral bodies, occultism, and (some would add) Irish Fenianism: Yeats managed to swallow all of this, along with regular doses of hashish and mescalin. "I was once afraid of turning out reasonable," he wrote to a at his club whether he had eaten bis dincolleague, but the anxiety was quite misplaced

At one spiritualist seance, he was urgently huttonholed by a ghostly voice as "Mr Gates", consoling evidence that not even the spirit world is free from human error. Yeats displayed a remarkable capacity to credit almost any hightoned gohhledygook currently in fashion, and in the spook-ridden fin-de-siècle there was a lot of it on offer. This was especially true of pre-revolutionary Ireland, where it was easy to cross over from gun-running a flamboyant egocentric, he dreamed of distils a formidable heap of evidence into a

this gullibility with a tough-minded refusal of anything as vulgarly constricting as belief, and for the most part kept it well out of his poetry, like some hrilliant surgeon who proves able to stitch up a heart even when hallucinating.

He was also more contradictory than he was also an operator, scheming and cahalling in quarrelsome Ireland while preserving an air of disinterested Olympian wisdom. Investing a ferocious Victorian energy in post-Victorian affairs, he launched the Irish literary revival and the Ahbey theatre, but was so absentminded that he once had to ask a waiter

He was a Protestant gentlemao among nationalist schoolteachers, a hardheaded businessman who believed in fairies, a distinguished man of letters who couldn't spell the word "feel", a would-be aristocrat who lounged in country houses and celebrated the simple peasantry. A charming, distracted figure loftily aloof from polities, he was in later life an enthusiast for racist eugenics, blood élites and the cleansing power of military violence. As

life between the smell of horses and the odour of sanctity

It is doubtful that Yeats would have altogether approved of hiographies, though he penned one or two such fragments himself. What he valued in life was what could be transmuted into art, which life could then imitate if it pleased; and like his compatriot Oscar Wilde, he conducted his personal existence as a kind of public mythology. The self was not something to be observed buttering toast or putting the cat out hut was a sort of artisnic self-fashioning, an heroic enterprise to be lived with one canny eye on how it would all look to the historians. Ordinary life could be left to servants and shopkeepers - or to the materialist English, whose passion for realist novels he always thought faintly ill-bred.

The official hiography, even so, is here at last after two false starts; one by the critic Denis Donoghue, and one by the Irish historian Leland Lyons, or "British Leland", as those compatriots who found him a shade too suburban-English might have called him.

The Apprentice Mage, which takes Yeats's life up to the brink of his fiftieth year, is a marvel of painstaking historical research, which

a remarkably shrewd, worldly-wise sort of ters with Ezra Pound, commits the familmind, at once tough and generous, and resists both idolatry and iconoclasm in this magnificently sane account. It is also for the most part a remarkably judicious, evenhanded portrait, which in the snake-pit of figure evolving beneath his art. That he book is oddly unreflective.

minor miracle.

As a leading "revisionist" Irish historian, Roy Foster is well-known for his suave massaging of Irish history to take the pain of out of it: the man who made Connemara safe for Camden Town. There are hints of that here - Yeats's lover Maud Gonne is hammered for her anti-Semitism hut uncredited for her work among women -

In another sense, however, this book lacks some of Foster's sterling historical virtues. His work Modern Ireland displays a kind of long-headedness, a plucking of trends and patterns from the ruck of historical detail, which The Apprentice Mage notably lacks.

This meticulous, blow-by-blow account, which takes Years from his art-school days through to the Irish Revival, London literary life, early nationalism, the founding in any case Yeats's poetry enthrals us

extinguishing the self, and was torn all his splendidly elegant narrative. R F Foster has of the Abbey theatre and his first encouniar biographer's mistake of concealing the wood with the trees. Intent on his deft brushstrokes. Foster hardly ever steps back from the canvas to size up the full-Irish studies these days is something of a can discern significant patterns is clear. enough: it is just that he too often fails to curious sense that Foster knows quite a

bit more about Yeats than he is telling us. After some quarter-of-a-million words, it is hard to know what, say, Yeats's dommant aesthetic ideas were, or how to assess the relations between his work and European modernism. What was it about hut the High Table scoffing at aspects of Gaelic culture which disfigures his work elsewhere is here thankfully muted.

a late 19th-century colonial backwater which managed to produce such a world-class poet, and how was Yeats at once the child of that context and creatively askew to it? Foster's whole treatment is too briskly externalised, too much a question of the dental treatment which kept the poet in Loodon during a June heatwave.

Understandahly anxious that other hiographers have been there before him, Foster has decided to concentrate less on what the poet wrote than on what he did: but it is a hard distinction to sustain, and

more than his dining habits. One suspects that it might enthral Foster more too, given the fineness of his odd flashes of literary analysis; but the sensitive critic is grimly subordinated to the workaday his-

torian. For all its perceptiveness, the

Some English readers, obsessed with "real life" and sceptical of hig ideas. let the reader in on them. One has the doubtless find this limitation a virtue. But this sumptuous, astutely intelligent work hasn't even much bold revaluation to offer of the life. Here, at least, one could wish for a little more abrasive revisionism. The Apprentice Mage marvellously fills out the familiar contours of the poet's frenetic life, but does little to reshape them. After some 500 pages, we know incomparably more about this self-mythologising maestro than we did, but little of what we learn challenges the received images of him.

> Perhaps such an overview will emerge in Volume Two, but by then there will be an enormous amount to summarise. Anyway, it will be interesting to see how Foster deals with the more embarrassing aspects of his protagonists' later quasi-fascist views - whether their repugnance will he blandly massaged away, or candidly

## Fillips from the Prince

Piers Brendon meets the best sort of consort

Albert: uncrowned king by Stanley Weintraub, John Murray, £25

It's hard to see how a hiographer could find anything new to say about Prince Albert short of suggesting, as Lytton Strachey wanted to, that he was homosexual or (in the spirit of Michael Bloch) that he was a woman. With heroic restraint Professor Stanley Weintrauh advances no such proposition. But he must have felt more than usually tempted to embrace novelty, for he has already written a long life of Queen Victoria. The present book - much better than

its error-prone predecessor - is therefore. in his phrase, a "parallel hiography". However, almost from the first the lines are intimately entwined.

After a miserable childhood in the dissolute Coburg court, Albert inexplicably emerged as a full-grown Victorian earnest, diligent, priggish and philoprogenitive. Coburg being, as Bismarck remarked, the royal "stud-farm of Europe", Albert was presented to the wilful young Victoria, who swiftly fell in love with him. She was entranced by his handsome appearance: "such beautiful blue eyes, and exquisite nose, and such a pretty mouth with delicate moustachies". Albert reciprocated. Writing to Lord Melbourne after her "most gratifying and bewilder-ing" wedding night, Victoria said that she never thought she "could be so

Familiar stuff, but Weintraub does his best to avoid the inevitable overlap by focusing on the character and career uf the Consort. He crafts a vivid, gossipy and sometimes irreverent portrait, witheven in recapitulation. Alhert strove to improve working-

class housing and to modernise the army. He promoted the arts and sciences. He supported innumerable charities and chaired interminable committees. He was patron of the London Lihrary, Chancellor of Camhridge University and president of the Society for the Extinction of the Slave Trade. Albert not only masterminded the Great Exhibition but checked to see if the objects displayed at the Crystal Palace were correctly labelled. And he oversaw the spending of its profits on the complex of museums, colleges and concert halls in South Kensington, nicknamed Alber-

Despite his efforts, or hecause of them, the Prince was never really popular. At first derided as an alien fortunehunter, he was later lampooned (in ribald terms) as the procreator of a race of royal parasites. Albert gave offence by his frigid hauteur (partly a result of shyness about speaking English) and by his obvious boredom with high society. He preferred servants, but even they were churlish: Carlyle referred to "His Serene Highness the Incarnate-Solecism Prince Albert". In 1854 crowds when it was rumoured that Albert was imprisoned there for treason.

The politicians were also ungracious. Melbourne resented the upright Albert, complaining that "this damned morality will undo us all". Peel, whom the Prince revered, told the cabinet that the royal couple should not be thwarted hut shot animals for pleasure while cammanaged. Palmerston regarded Albert paigning against cruel sports. out the retrospective sycophancy that as an exalted nuisance. Disraeli, susentreacles so many English royal biographies. And he gives an account of dangerous "democratic tendencies".

and failed to notice that all non-royal firms, had to mak
personages un board were consigned to in all but name.

princely industry which is awesome said that if Albert had survived he would have introduced England to the benefits of absolute rule.

This was characteristic hyperbole. But Weintraub's own conclusion, that a "democratising" Albert "salvaged the Crown as a pillar of the emerging consntunional state", is equally misleading. Far from being above politics, the Prince was a committed Conservative. He thought the monarch must "necessarily be a politician" and had a duty to watch and control" the government. Albert's early death in 1861 (from

stomach cancer, Weintrauh reckons, not typhoid) and Victoria's grief-stricken withdrawal from public life significantly reduced the power of the crown. But during his life-time the Prince learnt to play his cards effectively in the game of whist which is, as Metternich remarked, Britain's unwritten constitution. He made particularly important contributions to foreign policy, perhaps even preventing the country from becoming embroiled in the American Civil War. Albert earned his title of Prince Consort in a way that has heen impossible for the present consort.

Actually, Albert had much in common with Prince Philip. He had the unfailing Hanoverian antipathy to his rejoiced outside the Tower of London heir, whom he tried unsuccessfully to mould in his own image. He employed the same scatter-gun technique for insulting foreigners: "the Poles are as little deserving of sympathy as the Irish". He loathed the "miserable scribblers" of the press and favoured censorship. He was a victim of "rifle mania" and

He loved the luxurious royal vacht



Albert: 'Victim of rifle-mania'

"dog-holes". Both princes appeared once in the gallery of the House of Com-mons: Albert being warned off by Disraeli, Philip provoking a protest from Enoch

Precisely because Philip might imitate Albert, courtiers and politicians kept him firmly away from the throne. From the royalist point of view they were right since, even as "a hloody amoeba" (his expression). Philip has damaged the monarchy enough to become the darling of republicans. But Albert himself, much abler and unencumbered by rumours about his private life, was not made King Consort.

As Melbourne sagely advised the dis-appointed Victoria, if Britons ever got into the way of making their kings they would soon get into the way of unmaking them. So "Albert the Good", as his wife's sobriquet "Queen Albertine" piquantly sug-gests and as this book entertainingly confirms, had to make do with being sovereign

## In the key of life

Dermot Clinch detects some false notes

sequential Awrites a character in this novel, "Isn't necessarily a straight story." So be warned. In The Biography of Thomas Lang-hiography by name, fractured postmodern novel by nature there is not a straight story in sight. The novel is framed as an exchange of letters, though also stuffed with essay, allegory, fable. Though containing hiography it expends plenty of time and effort questioning hiog-

raphy's purpose. Thomas Lang is a recently deceased pianist. He performed with Karajan and Abbado; his playing was marked by fierce control and economy of means"; he refused to give encores, but the applause would be in "full spate" ten minutes after his last bow. He was a us. All looks set for a ripping biography - except that the author, Michael Dessauer has a problem. His principal source - Lang's brother - is not cooperating.

paign of coaxing letters, Lang's replies - resisting, misleading, rapidly giving in - provide the momentum. Neither biographer nor source, we realise, is entirely

story". The Biography of Thomas Lang by Jonathan Buckley, Fourth Estate, £9.99

> nature of biography and identity. Dessauer is on the traditional wing. "The Thomas Lang of my book", be insists, "will perhaps be closer to the whole man than the character perceived by any simple person who knew him." Lang retorts that the book is "an absurdity, a kind of Platonic super-life, an impossible feat of pedantic devotion and clairvoyance."

character or narrative but ideas. The pianist himself -Glenn Gould magnified ad absurdum - is tossed about by the heavy conceptual seas. Reclusive, obsessive, a pianist who storms out of performances, he is a "genius", his hiographer tells strange, distinctly unprofessional but recognisable type. Even his most controversial recording remains just the right side of plausibility: Beethoven's last sonata, in wildly opposed interpreta-The hiographer's cam- tions on either side of an LP

The narrative, such as we along with Christopher can piece it together, is neatly constructed. But it's the stuffing of ideas that Jonathan Buckley is really bothered about. Want to read an essay on "Busoni trustworthy. The correspon- Contra Wagner ? Lang dence, it's clear, is a pretext, wrote one and here it is ters. The reader's duty may for a dehate about the Keen on "cod-Arthurian" just lead elsewhere.

allegorical tales examining the selective nature of love and understanding? The Lady of Doriolan, pages 139-147, is such an one. What is a biography? What is the nature of performance, of musical scepticism rubs off on us we'll be doing just fine. It's a sharp, intelligent

novel, which makes its single, overwhelming misjudgement the more surprising Dessauer we can put up with. It's a novel driven not by He is a pedant, but he is haracter or narrative but credible. The Lang brothers are not. A more arch, irritating pair of characters, in fact, I have never spent time with. Instead of having a plain lunch, Thomas speaks of "doing battle with a bacterial bagnette". This taxes our patience enough. But Christopher, with his parody of camp superiority in every utterance, takes us over the edge. "Musings on musicianship are like watching elephants waltzing over daisies," reads one letter critical of the biographer's method. "There is no reason to be ashamed of dedication to the quotidian, as Tom might once have told me, aetatis VIL. The quotidian task-of Dessauer is to read these affected, squirming let-

### books

## Barre room brawls

#### Michael Church on body language

Reading Dance by Judith Mackrell, Michael Joseph, £20

me was when the "meaning" of dance was crystal-clear, the mimed conventions of no doubt as to the goodies and baddies, who was unhappy, and why.
When the Fairies of Purity, Generosity and Eloquence took the stage at the Swan Lake ball, each moved in a manner consonant with her quality. When the magic worked, there was mystery in abundance, but no mystification. This art was accessible to all who could afford a ticket.

sible to all who could afford a ticket.

If contemporary dance is "about" anything, it is usually about itselffine for initiates, but deeply mystifying for everyone else. Judith Mackrell's book may sound like a postgrad primer, but she opens with a nicely populist question: if there is a language of dance, how can we understand it? Her answer is encouraging, all we need is "a will-: ingness to let the movement play on our senses, to let its rhythms chargeup our pulses, and to let its pictures range around our imaginations.

Dance, she says, is as ambiguous

as music; we discuss its patterns in terms of architecture, balance, line; we speak of bodies having sculptural form; we call dance abstract. Butthis, she argues, contradicts a basictruth about dance, which is that it is always human. As abstraction's pioneer Balanchine observed, "Put a man and a girl on stage and there is already a story. A man and two girls, there's already a plot."

Mackrell plots the course by which

Petipa's Swan Lake has transmogrified into Matthew Bourne's maleswan crowd-puller via a series of stylistic revolutions. The aristocratic elegance of Tsarist ballet was upended by Diaghilev, who harnessed the brightest talents from all the arts to forge his astonishing amalgam. Choreographic revolutionary though he was, Nijinsky still kept faith with his balletic roots. Isadora Duncan and Marina Graham shook dance free of classical convention. The pull of gravity, which hallet had denied was now embraced. Emotion became raw; a new breed of woman emerged.

Then came Merce Cunningham, aided and abetted by John Cage. His choreography was determined by the throw of dice and set to the pulse of a stop-watch. Then came minimalism - "No to spectacle no to virtuosity no to transformations and magic and make-believe!" shrieked a manifesto - and its attendant obsessions with ordinariness, improvisation, and trance-like repetition. Meanwhile ethnic minorities - black in America, Asian in Britain - were enriching the mixture. The dance world fragmented into a thousand schools, each with its resident guru. Past gurus had emerged by apostolic succession - Paul Taylor worked for Martha Graham, and nurtured Twyla Tharp and Pina Bausch. Today's gurus emerge from media

Mackrell is outstandingly good



Ballet go upwards: Daniel Ezralow in action on the edge of a high hill taken from 'Dancers' by Philip Trager (Bufffinch)

vignettes on Giselle, Apollo, and the Rite of Spring are superb pieces of critical writing. Her short essays on Isadora and Graham give more illumination than whole books have on the masterpieces created in St. prose acquires a hyperbolic, pro- work about "the rich set of feelings proved - that complicity has a filming - much food for thought.

boredom-merchants like Rosemary counts for more than product. Butcher and Richard Alston, and to put slick operators like DV8's Lloyd Newson - the Damien Hirst of

clean, vivid, and evocative; her contemporary hot-shots, that tinge dance", Mackrell nods approvingly. grows stronger. One misses the She doesn't seem bothered that for critical edge needed to demystify many choreographers, process now

"Subverting the hourgeois com-

Petersburg and Paris. Her prose is motional tinge. As she deals with that dancers get as they make a healthy way of reasserting itself. Mackrell is far too sane and intelligent not to welcome this return to the juiciness of music, story, and spectacle, but she still champions her campus gurus. For such people plicity between performer and audi- and their students, her book will be done in the past. But half-way he word of the past of

## A brush with the intrepid fox

Justin Wintle hails the thinker who taught that disunity is strength

The Proper Study of Mankind: an anthology of essays by Isaiah Berlin, Chatto, £25

Sir Isaiah Berlin was an influence before I knew anything about him. At public school I was fortunate to be taught history by a Balliol man. "Right, you lot," he began one morning, "today you're going to imhibe Karl Marx."

Cue sharp intake of breath by twenty-odd privileged prats. For most of us. Harold Wilson was anathema enough. Marx meant the USSR which meant the Cuban missile crisis which meant having come within a hair's breath of extinction at the hands of rabid ideologues. Had Mr Cozzens finally flipped?

But the lesson was no attempt at indoctrination. Rather we were introduced to Marx in the context of his times: an indomitable bookworm who offered fresh solutions to problems that had taxed Europe's finest minds. We were reminded of the central preoccupations of the Enlightenment.

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and given a purchase on Hegelian metaphysics. History was never the same again. Cozzens knew his Berlin. Isaiah When later I read Berlin's monograph, I found it strangely familiar and profoundly impressive. Pub-lished in 1939, Karl Marx is still in print (Fontana) and still the best introduction to its subject. Berlin may not especially like Marxian thought, but at the crinical

moments his exposition allows Marx to stand, even enable such a subjective affair. shine, in his own light.

larger moral issues, but he never What their ideologies share is the succumbs to indignation. Instead he labours diligently and eloquently at the rockface of other men's thought. The Proper Study of Mankind is testimony to these qualities, even though, as a sampler of Berlin, it fails to exhibit his full range. Henry Hardy and Roger Hausheer, editors of these 17 items, have a mission: to demonstrate that Berlin qualifies as a major thinker in his own right, that his work, which has sallied forth as essays and lectures.

needs to be seen as a whole. Are the claims substantiated? If not, then it is only because Berlin himself has outsmarted them. One of his bravura pieces is "The Hedgehog and the Fox" (1953), which takes as its starting point a fragment of Antilochus: The fox knows many things but the hedgehog knows one big thing. Berlin applies this to the author of War and Peace.

Tolstoy is torn, he argues. between rival and finally incompauble, positions. Foxes are freefloating empiricists. They respond

hogs are rationalists, committed to the myth that all phenomena are reductible to a single system. They insist all knowledge forms a seamless unity. As a novelist, Tolstoy is foxily alert to the moment. He regularly captures the ficeting and the ineffable. It is when he turns his attention to the theory of history that the hedgehog hristles into view. Human beings, he suggests, are never more than symptoms of great but unseen forces - fate!

Berlin's own cosmogeny, peopled by European and Russian thinkers, abounds with both species, pluralists and monists. He sides with the pluralists. Monism, he asserts many times in these pages, is the stuff of authoritarianism; and as a Jew born in Latvia, who witnessed the Revolution in Moscow before his family emigrated, he has every reason to distrust any system. If Hegel was Marx's mentor, he also provided key strands of Nazism.

Bertin's outstanding contribution to political theory has been his espousal of "value pluralism". There is not (he advances).

nor can there be, a true convergence of human values. Even in one culture, such values are innately rivalrous, Man is born to disagree. The business of polities is not to attempt to resolve all differences, but to accommodate a natural diversity. In "Two Concepts

of Liberty", Berlin orchestrates his philosophy with the notion of "negative liberty", insisting that freedom cannot be legislated. Only the removal of restraints

Typically, it is communist, fas-This is typical of Berlin. His cist and ultra-nationalist regimes concern is nearly always with that peddle "positive" liberty. monist ideal. Since the ultimate source of this error is Socrates. Berlin in effect challenges the mainstream of western thought.

Even so, it is difficult to conceive of Sir Isaiah in quite such radical terms. His lucid, polished discourse tempers his own theses so that his prose becomes a mosaic of the widest possible interplay of ideas. Yet such discourse is itself a form of overview, so that it becomes unclear whether Berlin is after all a fox.

Or perhaps he's a giraffe: an Oxford luminary observing other creatures at play, but sometimes forgetful of the implications of his own loftiness. This species cusiom-evolved, it would sometimes seem, for the ivory tower.

More pertinently, there is the recurring suspicion, articulated by Berlin himself, that fulfilment nced not depend on freedom at all. Regimes may not suit everyone, but they suit some. Thus Berlin's edifice begins to crumble even as it rises, fragmenting back into the open-minded pluralism to events as they occur. Hedge- where, happily, it originates.



## week books

n late 1990, the Tory party treasurer Alistair McAlpine visted the notyet-ousted Margaret Thatcher "to tell her that Britain was beginning a serious recession". Just how did the art-dealing amateur politician and huilding-site beir know? Well, the weekly turnover from his "antiques and carriosity business" had dropped from £100,000 to a mere £2,000. Moreover, "I had also noticed how quiet London was". So much for econometric models and Treasury forecasters. Forget the dismal science: all a canny PM needs is some Mayfair Mr Pooter who can stroll down Burlington Arcade and spot that trade seems a little flat today.

Political memoirs, of course, exist to service our curiosity about another kind of antique. Over the past few days, gleeful pundits have pored over the extracts for Lord McAlpine's effort, Once a Jolly Bagman (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20), in which the loyal Thatcherite pursues his grim vendetta against focs such as Norman Lamont, John Gummer and the Premier himself - who used, he writes, to skulk invisibly around Chequers in Good Queen Margarer's reign "pretending to be a pair of curtains". Having now read the entire volume, I can report that threequarters of it boasts all the thrill of watching cement dry. Most of the

book consists of leisurely anecdotes from the huilding and painting trades, prefaced by a deluxe childhood that splices elements from Betjeman and Wangh. Fancy a riveting tale of the great day when the firm of McAlpine shifted "Over 2,000 cubic yards of muck" on the Barbican site? Alistair's our man. "Being a huilder can

become immensely boring", he admits. Even the missiles fired at Major's spineless "Cabinet of Chums" don't drop from a clear blue sky. It was a New Statesman interview in 1995 that first revealed McAlpine's hopes to see the Tories suffer "a good scrub with a hard brush". Compared to that image, his book's expectations of "a

considerable defeat" sound a bit tame. Yet, in other moods, McAlpine has written about political intrigue with a shrewd ferocity. His modernised pastiche of Machiavelli, The Servant, dripped with a ruthless cunning that Old Niccolo himself might have admired. Alas, he's now gone dowo with the English memoir malaise: name those names (well, the dead ones at least); settle old scores; and then bore the readers rigid with a tour around your cultural Hinterland - in his case, the Australian Outback.

Strangely, for a resident of Italy, McAlpine has forfeited the fine Latin virtue of succinct abstraction in favour of the Anglo-Saxon taste for tedious varns about the chaps he used to know. A world-class cynic has declined into the usual whingeing raconteur. That seems a shame - although I'd still like to know what happened after Eartha Kitt "elected to demonstrate gymnastics on the kitchen table".

## Prophet and loss account

#### David J Goldberg heckles the Chief Rabbi's suburban sermon

The Politics of Hope by Jonathan Sacks, Cape, £15.99

The temptation for clerics to add their two hits-worth in the political arena has a long, rarely happy history. Nothing daunted, the Orthodox Chief Rabbi has felt compelled to offer ish audience? his diagnosis of the hreakdown of contemporary society and the failure of Western liberal democracy. His book, he ately, something of modestly tells us in its Preface, is a curate's egg of a "unique", and to be compared in its book. For a start, it intent with Rousseau's The Social Con-

Before considering whether Dr Sacks succeeds, it is worth asking what drove of sermons than a succeed at the same of sermons than a succeed series of series o such a taleoted man to a project far removed from his usual sphere of concern. Two answers suggest themselves,

neither particularly flattering.

The first is that the chief rabbi has a Vicar of Bray propensity for attaching himself to whichever political doctrine is modish. In the early Eighties he was a robust Thatcherite; come the caring Nineties, he was cooverted to the politics of compassion; nowadays, he is the very epitome of non-ideological New Labour, espousing the latest fad of "Communi-

tarianism". The second answer is about the prophet being without honour in his own community. The more his authority weakens within Anglo-Jewry, the more Dr Sacks is admired outside, especially by those

moral rejuvenation to a respectfully attentive non-Jew-The Politics of

Hope is, appropriis much too loud for its thesis, more developed argument, and like most sermons, it could usefully be cut in half; but Dr Sacks is in love with words. Jonathan Sacks: 'Too loud'

They pour from him in torrents, repetitive, reiterated, regurgitated. Presumably, his editor was too much in awe to staunch the flow.

Also, like most sermons, it relies more on impressionist generalisations than hard statistics. Time and again we are invited to view a Hogarthian landscape of muggings, drugs, dysfunctional families, divorce, depressive illness, suicide, abortion, illegitimacy and falling educational standards.

There is something rotten in the state. which emphasised the value of institutions reader - to Tony Blair.

godless Fleet Street hacks who love to build up the bright Jewish boy with his Cambridge Double First at the expense between liberalism and libertarianism. of the bapless Archhishop of Canterbury. The book's central chapters, on the Lib-So why not offer your prescription for eral Revolution, the birth of the Individ-

ual, and Moral Lanindeed. Dr Sacks writes with succinct clarity and insight about the ideas of Locke, Hume and Hobbes. He is less fair on Kant, and dismissive about A J Ayer's logical positivism or Sartre's existentialism, but understandably so, given that for him the notion of individual autonomy. overtiding traditional morality and

leading to relativism, was where the rot started. Having exhaustively catalogued the ills of modern society, what are Dr Sacks's nostrums, his politics of hope? They are modest indeed. He wants to restore de Tocqueville's "voluntary associations". those local fraternities of congregations, schools and husinesses which give people a stake in running their communities, A vision once guided us - "that we loosely call the Judaeo-Christian tradition" -

and to which all broadly subscribed, "poor and rich alike, miners, labourers, politicians...fellows of Oxbridge colleges and children in the village school." These "mediating structures" need to be revived. They promote three qualities which are mentioned time and time again: "civility". 'gentility" and "graciousness". All very well, but let us not forget that like Mr Major's nostalgia for warm beer and village cricket, such a rosy idealisation was predicated on strict hierarchy and class

inequality. The primacy of marriage, family and education must also he re-asserted. Dr Sacks writes movingly of family life, a testament to the warmth of his own. Essentially, though, his is a dream of cosy suburban domesticity. the aspirations of Jewish Finchtey made manifest. He is particularly fond of using Regent's Park, with its elegant terraces, nearly laid-out gardens and public and private spaces, as a metaphor for the wellordered civil society. He concedes (ba) it might sound "middle-class, middle-aged and prosaic", but family and community are at the heart of his hlueprint

for the new social equation.
It was Kierkegaard who dubbed Isaac "the bourgeois patriarch", in contrast to his father Abraham, who had been a "knight of faith". On the evidence of this book. Dr Sacks is the bourgeois prophet of hope for our times, the religious counterpart - ponder it. dear

## **Paperbacks**

#### By Boyd Tonkin

Hitler's Willing Executioners hy Daniel Jonah Goldhagen (Abacus, £9.99) On Monday. the young Harvard historian Daniel Goldhagen will accept the rarely-awarded Democracy Prize in Bonn for this, the most contentious reinterpretation of Nazi war crimes in 30 years. To sum up a complex charge-sheet. he claims that ordinary German civilians and soldiers - conditioned by their bred-in-the-bone anti-Semitism - not only knew plenty about the unfolding Holocaust. They also look an eager part in executionsquads that killed almost as many as the death camps. Goldhagen's critics (who include Jewish historians) have riposted that he demonises all Germans just as the Nazis demonised all Jews. But the evidence proves compelling, and the passion of his argument flames off the page.

The House Guest by Barbara Anderson (Vintage, £6.99) Anderson's earlier novels and stories brought to mind a Kiwi Alan Bennett ~ pawky, sidelong glances at suburban New Zealand life with a slicing wit that cut through to the oddity under the chintz and tea-sets. The House Guest stages a more claborate plot, with curious echoes of Henry James, A researcher arrives in NZ on the trail of a mysterious US women writer who settled there in silence. The unveiling of Alice O'Leary's secrets runs in parallel with discoveries about Rohin, the scholarsleuth. It sounds a standard plot - except that the fine comic detail of Anderson's writing lifts every paragraph. Alice, we learn, had "a quickness" about her - and so, in spades, does Anderson.

The Debt to Pleasure by John Lanchester (Picador, £5.99) Sometimes reviewing is a lonely trade, My hrightest colleagues garlanded this dehut novel, and its riddling récit by a francophile foodie psychopath, with every superlative that the OED (or even Larousse) could supply. As for moi, I ploughed wearily through a frigid unreliable-narrator exercise in the late-Nabokov manner, not much cheered by the fact that we never trust the crashing snob and bore (and killer) at its heart. I admired

the savoury prose; I relished the polyglot kitchen argot; I salivated on cue at the haroque recipes that nasty Tarquin Winot offers us. But when reviewers hauled in Dickens (Dickens!) as a comparison, I wondered just what kind of literary plane! they (or I) inhahited.

Love's Work by Gillian Rose (Vintage, £5.99) How many

hooks of the 1990s will still

be read in half a century? If there's any justice in this world (and Gillian Rose's life and thought powerfully suggest the opposite), this one will be among them. A bold and original philosopher (who held a chair at Warwick University), Rose wrestled with the conflicts between her Jewish heritage, her Protestant cast of mind and the corrosive scepticism of so much modern thought. She died of ovarian cancer in December 1995. Not long hefore, she completed this hrief (135 pages) hut searing hlend of memoir and essay. Its rapt accounts of sexual passion, religious faith, intellectual work - and life-threatening sickness - also manage many flashes of wry comedy and some striking charactersketches, from her enigmaoc lover "Father Dr Patrick Gorman" to her old chum Camille Paglia, This is a book one yearns to know (in

every sense) by heart.

streak huried in Jane

Faith Fox by Jane Gardam

(Ahacus, £6.99) There has

always heen a hlackly comic

Gardam's novels and here it

finds full and exhuberant expression. Faith Fox is the Surrey-born infant daughter of Holly who dies in childbirth, Abandoned by her grieving family, she is driven north to spend the first few months of her life with her eccentric uncle Jack, his mad wife, Jocasta and assorted hangers-on including a set of enraged Tibetan refugees and a housekeeper who can neither cook nor clean) in their religious retreat on the Northumherland Moors. On one level, Gardam's tale is a simple story of the great North/South divide - the geographical split that shuts off one end of Britain from the other, but it is also a story about love and redemption, sex and death recounted in





Exiles and Emigres: the flight of European artists from Hitler by Stephanie Barron (Abrams, £55). Cłockwise from left: Iwao Yamawaki, 'The Blow against the Bauhaus'; Otto Cemperer with his children in 1935; Andreas Feininger's 'The Cities Service Building, Fire Escapes and the El', and John Heartfield's 'And





# The sinking ship of state

Alberto Manguel enjoys a stationary odyssey on the Brooklyn waterfront

he Ordinary Seaman is a contemporary odyssey - the chronicle of a voyage that will not take place, an adventure story that is all beginning and no end, an urban sea-yarn with no sea. The source, according to Goldman himself, was an item in the New York press, reporting that 17 Latin-American sailors, shandoned by their ship's authorities, had lived for months in a rat-infested, unheated hull on the Brooklyn waterfront. Goldman interviewed the sailors: one gave him his own 12-page account of the ordeal. urging Goldman to make use of it.

Ten years later, Goldman did. The result is a hrilliantly imagined recreation of their sufferings set against a social atlas of contemporary America: Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba, Argentina and, of course, the United States. The sailors' stories unfold in hackward glances and forward flashes so that every present moment wavers

The Ordinary Seaman by Francisco Goldman, Faber, £15.99

between regret and foreboding, hrutal glimpses of the Sandinista war and dreams of a hetter life.

One sailor, Bernardo, dies of a gangrenous leg: another, Estehan, escapes into the city where fate and Penelopes are small, inglorious, rewards him with a haircut and the love of a Mexican manicurist; others out their existences throw theft, through erotic fantasies or by drugging themselves with kerosene fumes. No one can help these "ordinary seamen" move on hut themselves: neither the Ship Visitor who takes professional pity on the stranded men, nor the Reverend Kathy Roundtree who has assumed the role of "the Port of New Jersey and New York's Father Brown", and certainly not the god-like and amhiguous Captain who professes more knowledge of herbal medicine

than seafaring craft.

Nowadays any scum can hide from God," says the Reverend Roundtree. "All you need is, whatever, a flag of convenience, hrass plate incorporation." In this Odyssey gods and mor-tals, kings and enchantresses, Cyclops everyday creatures, neither less hor-

rible nor less fate-bound than their

The most striking aspect of The Ordinary Seaman is its language, a haroque "Espanglés" coming into its own: "Ay no, muchacha, it hurts. It adventures (or lack of adventures) hurts just to remember that, just my hand touching your warm skin through a dress. A tightening in my throat, va, pues." Anyone who has spent any time in New York, Los Angeles or Miami will recognise (with either vivas of approval or shit, mans of regret) the rich, rhythmical prose of those Pan-American streets,

which Goldman so deftly handles.

our time, the guilty go unpunished. and death, descriptions of war, moments of half-magic and nightmares - all build up the waiting-time, fill the empty hull of the skeleton ship half in Spanish, half in English.

It is true that other writers have made use of the doomed journey, notably B Traven in The Death Ship. Katherine Anne Porter in Ship of Fools and Julio Cortázar in Thevessel and its voyagers seem too obviously and dogmatically symbolic. Goldman's ship is less imposing, its the novel suggests other readings Abandoned by the bosses who summoned them, transformed into out-

Nor will anyone avenge them. In Memories, daydreams, visions of sex own community, dream up their own history, create their own leaders and, of course, their own outsiders in a lating version of the settlement of America.

Another reading is political. The Ordinary Seaman can be read as a parable about the inability of the most powerful city in the most powerful country in the Western world to give a mission and a purpose to find for them a place in its national amhitions, to fulfil the promise engraved on its Statue of Liberty. In fact, it is almost without irony that the less literary. Precisely for that reason, statue of the torch-bearing Lady becomes, for the sailors, an emblem besides the mere tale of a drawn-out of their own immobility in a forecast waiting. One is mythical: the story of made by Bernardo, the one sailor how a society comes into being. who must in the end, like all prophets, die: "When that statue walks, chavalos, this ship will sail". siders, given neither permission to 'The ship's ultimate fate (which enter the city nor a purpose to leave mustn't be revealed) neither confirms it, the sailors are forced to form their nor denies Bernardo's prophecy.

#### **Audiobooks**



C trange fey images and Ovibrant prose make Kate Atkinson's wonderful new novel Human Croquet (HarperCollins, 3hrs, £8.99) excellent listening, though Patricia Hodge reads a shade too meaningfully and the story is less empathetic than Behind The Scenes at the Museum.

How would you cope if your 17-year-old daughter was kidnapped by a psychopath? Deborah Moggach's spine-chilling Seesaw (Reed, c2hrs, £8.99) is every parent's worst

Josie Lawrence's compelling reading will keep you chewing your nails for every terrifying minute.

Not scared enough? A dramatisation of Stephen King's Pet Sematary (BBC. 3hrs, £8.99) should see you right over the edge. Complete with gruesome groans and ominous traffic noises from the killer road that stimulates the vengeance of its ghastly "deadfall" of pets - and people - this is not for the faint-hearted, or for bedtime.

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## Independent choice: women and crime

By Mary Scott

tewart Park is everybody's worst nightmare. His face is like a long, tapering wedge of Cheddar cheese. A single look sends mothers in the local playground scurrying to the police, turns a prostitute's eyes pale with fear. There will he people not sleeping well tonight because of him.

Stewart is also the narrator of Freezing hy Penelope Evans (Black Swan, £6.99) and the most unusual and endearing fictional sleuth I have ever encountered. His world is that of London's underclass. He lives at home with his ancient. complaining Dad, who takes things to pieces to sec how they work and who is gripped, serially, by mad enthusiasms home security, fishing.

By day, Stewart is a photographer in a morgue. By night he fights, courtesy of his computer, alongside Dustraiser - who will save the Ice Maiden.

Enter the real Ice Maiden, the corpse of a young girl pulled from the Thames. What follows is an extraordinary odyssey. Innoccnt, simple, ugly Stewart blunders along the trail of the anonymous dead girl and the preprogrammed Dustraiser develops a mind

Minor characters (and real treats) along the way include Lady, the pithull with a heart of gold, Wayne Dodds, the chilling policeman with whom Stewart went to school, and Angie, the fat nurse who makes him realise that perhaps he isn't everyone's worst nightmare after all. But the best thing about this novel is the way it enters Stewart's mind and portrays the sophisticated world to which we are all accustomed as incomprehensible. It's utterly gripping, utterly convincing - a stunning

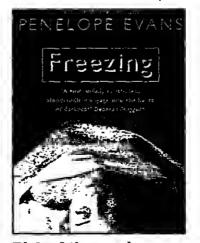
achievement. Jenefer Shute's Sex Crimes (Secker & Warburg, £9.99) has an intriguing narrator too. She's Christine Chandler, a 38-year-old, successful lawyer who

admits, from the start, she was responsible for a violent attack on her 26vear-old lover, Scott. The novel takes the form of a deposition to her lawyer. Snippets from the press - depicting her as the Boston Fury - intersperse her own, seemingly rational account. Scott pursued her, she insists, not the other way about. But gradually, as she continues - I defy you not to keep turning the pages - she reveals her madness. The achievement here is to admit us into the mind of a

As in Freezing, Lesley Grant-Adamson's The Girl in the Case (Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99) has a dénouement that involves a dog. But Jay, the badlybehaved golden retriever belonging to the protagonist Mandy, is an unlikely

As unlikely as the rest of the plot: silly Mandy, an estate agent, allows herself to be lured to a remote cottage. Realising her predicament, she phones a colleague but doesn't suggest that the colleague calls the police. And when she stumbles on concrete evidence (an explicit video) of who has done the murders, she leaves it overnight - she is too tired, you understand - before informing the police of its existence. In the meantime, the tape is stolen by the resident kleptomaniac. I have always suspected that people who choose to hury themselves in the depths of the countryside (the novel is set in rural Oxfordshire) might be a couple of hricks short of a huilding set. My prejudices

are confirmed. Faint Praise by Ellen Hart (The Women's Press, £6.99) features dogs as well, though not as main characters. Restaurant owner Jane Lawless leaves her home, her aunt Beryl (and her dogs) to camp in a Minneapolis loft - a loft to die for. Wonderful interior decor, and wonderful dialogue. Who cares who did it (did what?), as long as the women keep was expecting.



Pick of the week Freezing by Penelope Evans

on wisecracking? This is also a lesbian romance with the sexual action kept comfortably - for heterosexuals like meoff the page. Oh. and Jane cooks a mean dinner: try her recipe for chicken on

page 51. There are no dogs in Hot Poppies by Reggie Nadelson (Faber, £14.99). The poppies in question are mutant opium ones that have been irradiated by fallout from a secret Chemobyl-style explosion in China. Ingest them and you bleed from your ears. This is a gripping, hard-hoiled whodunit which takes PI Artie Cohen to Hong Kong on the brink of its succession

Artie's girlfriend wants to adopt a Chinese hahy. Back in New York, illegal immigrants toil in sweatshops, in which "Fire Exit" is scrawled in red on a blank, whitewashed, hrick wall. The inevitable happens; the place goes up in flames. Dante-esque scenes follow: doomed women cling, seven stories up, to a fire escape, then plunge to their death. Against all odds. Artie brings a Chinese bahy hack to his girlfriend - hut not the haby she

## A place in the sun

#### Paula Burnett on a new Caribbean classic

Texaco by Patrick Chamoiseau, translated by Rose-Myriam Réjouis and Val Vinokurov, Granta, £15.99

exaco won the Prix Goncourt (the French Booker) in 1992 and has already sold half a million copies in France. It has been translated into Japan- to be there, and why it matese and Korean as well as nine other Enropean language At long last, it has guage At long last, it has come out in English. Whar have we been missing?

For Milan Kundera, Chamoiseau "takes liberties with French which not one of his French contemporaries could even imagine taking". This big novel is volubly oral, its flow rapid, poetic and witty. It proceeds by whirling paths...like driftwood riding the tide of memories".

Swampy would enjoy Texaco. So should the growing army of citizens who have stood up against business or officialdom on behalf of their communities. Texaco is a shantytown huilt on the oil company's disused depot between sea and mountain between the country and island of Martinique, Chamoiseau's home.

Its residents are - creoles, people emerging from once separate cultural and racial histories. They defend their threatened recording a vanishing past community with everything In 1989 Chamoiseau cofrom pitched battles to polities - including such tactics as sharing out the children is Creole poetics in action. tions, shows what could so that each house has "big- It contrasts "an occidental have been done,

eyed blackids" to face down urban logic, all lined up, the officials. And they win. ordered, strong like the The town planner, felled by a stone in the opening pages, is transformed by the end into the residents' cham-pion. He is changed by the a new identity, multilingual old woman who mends his and multiracial. head and tells him the epic

Memory is their history, the map of their alleys like the map of the veins in their hands. Wipe that out in improvement projects, suggests Chamoiseau, and you

story of how the people came

destroy something irreplaceable. Like V S Naipaul's Caribbean classic A House for Mr Biswas, the book tells of the heroic struggle of the dispossessed to secure a place - but it is very different, with its rich tumble of

stories spilling out just as the shanties spill down the hill. The old woman's voice that predominates chronicles the epochs by the building materials used by the poor: straw, crate-wood, asbestos, finally concrete. the city of Fort de France, This is Chamoiseau's tribute capital of the Caribbean to a lineage of unsung heroes with an "ancestral custom of survival", as in Derek Walcott's poetic epic "between" in another sense Omeros. The final section tells of the author's gathering of oral histories from real people; of his sense of

> authored the manifesto In Praise of Creoleness. Texaco

French language" with Creole's "open profusion". The Creole city, it says, speaks a

The novel is in dialogue with Aimé Cesaire, founder of the négritude movement. That Martinique is today an equal part of metropolitan France, and therefore the EU, is very much its mayor Césaire's doing But Chamoiseau's generation wants independence. Texaco is seen as the last hastion of local identity, threatened by the encroaching French city. Translation has not been

easy. Réjouis and Vinokurov have no Caribbean English, which has produced some anomalies. Why use the French spelling mabi when "mauby" is a familiar term in the anglophone Caribbean? The insistence on using "hutch" for cases (the shantytown dwellings) grates, as hutch conveys none of the pathos of makeshift home-making. But the standard English tone is accurate enough: most of the French is closer to standard than the

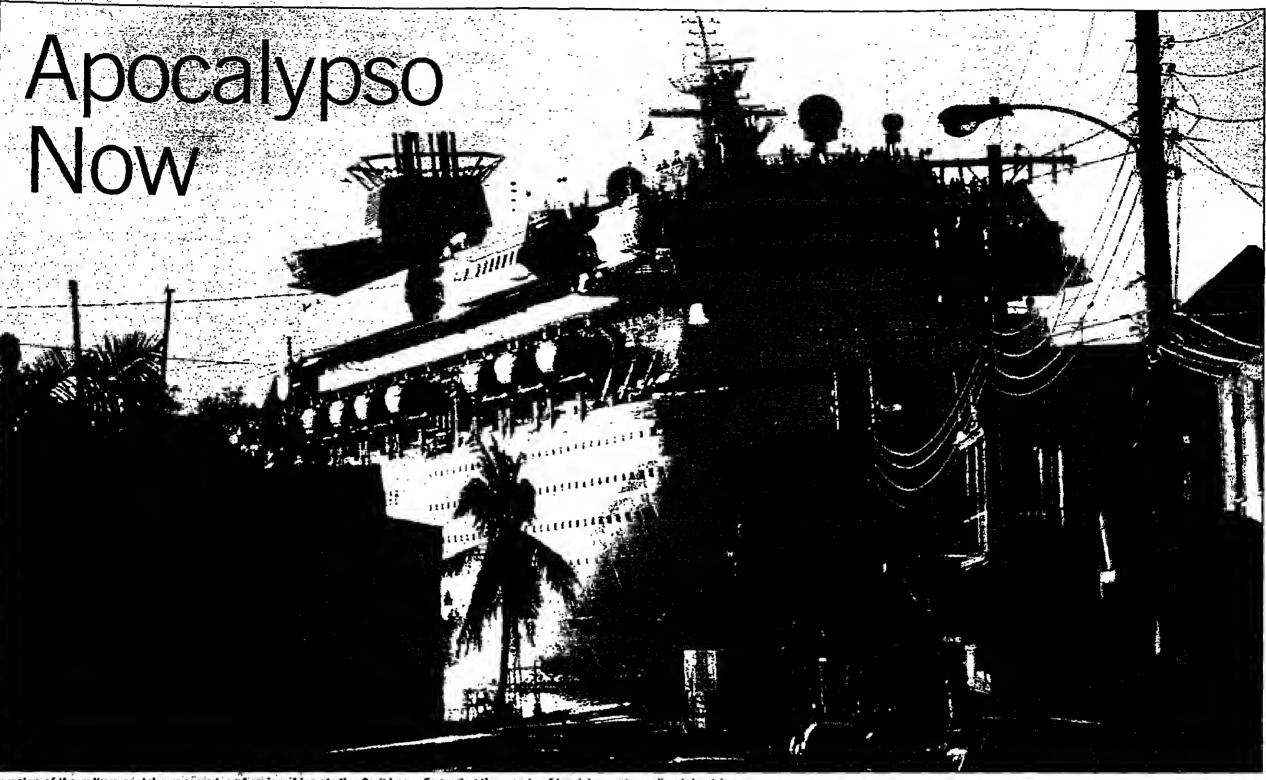
by some writers in English. This exhilarating book is now available to a huge new readership. If only a fluent Creole and Caribbean English speaker had translated it - a St Lucian, for instance. Derek Walcott's language. which draws on both tradi-

Caribbean idiom developed

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# travel & outdoors

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vasion of the culture snatchers: armadas of cruise ships ply the Caribbean disgorging thousands of tourists on streamlined day-trips

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silently as a 4 x 100 watt loudspeaker system playing dodgy. Fortunately, the vessel that we dozen Brits had boarded in the Dominican Republic is not the one band, breaking the ship rule that liquor that is to take us cruising for a week. In maritime parlance, it could most kindly be described as a tender, a launch bearing us across to the twinkling triangle on the borizon - appropriately named MV Horizon.

There is something endearingly British about the way that, each week, a boatload of holidaymakers is despatched upon the high seas to join a Caribbean cruise that

is already in progress. Here's the plan. Celebrity Cruises is a big Greek-American corporation. It sells space on its weekly cruise around the Eastern Caribbean to Britain's biggest tour operator, Thomson. The cruise begins each Saturday in San Juan on the island of Puerto Rico. Unfortunately Thomson's airline, Britannia, does not fly to San Juan. It

does, bowever, fly on Sundays to Santo Domingo. The good news is that Santo Domingo is a fine

Spanish colonial capital, a kind of Havana- island by offloading 1,000 people in the which-works, and the perfect place to join a cruise. The bad news is that the most that the British holidaymaker sees of the cityis the eccentrically constructed and run ioternational airport. You are decanted from a Boeing 767 into a minibus for the three-hour drive along the coast to closest point on dry land to the good ship Horizon. Then the boat ride begins, scooting noisily across the water to the waiting ship; waiting, indeed, well past her appointed departure time for the arrival of the laterunning contingent from Gatwick.

#### Simon Calder joins a floating hotel for a carve through the Caribbean

may not be brought aboard. Thus the British stamp their oational identity on an otherwise all-American mission.

You meet the rep, Julie - quite the jolliest person in the entire western hemisphere, let alone the Eastern Caribbean. You meet your cabin steward, whose

beaming visage contains only the barest glimpse of disapproval at (a) the duty-free bag and (b) a slightly grubby bicycle. You meet your room, a bottom-of-the-

Santo Domingo is

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which-works 7

range-but-perfectly-serviceable "standard inside cabin" that is to perambulate you gently around the Caribbean for a week. And then you become vaguely aware that the ship has started to move, in the general direction of suspended reality.

There are a hundred reasons why cruising is bad for the world, such as the distress and disruption caused to a small

morning for a day-loog frenzy of concentrated tourism, only for them to disappear at dusk leaving nothing but a few dollars and a few more dents in a fragile community.

But within five minutes of phoning room service and a fresh salad appearing for supper, and five seconds after illicitly sipping the finest Australian shiraz that Gatwick can sell, you drown out the anxleties by submerging yourself in a foam-

ing bath of excess.

serious ship, each clutching a duty-free troublesome islands to visit. So you idly bag, Yet our cheap booze is pure contraroutines to support you comfortably for a week. Foraging for sustenance is not among the challenges you face. From before dawn to beyond midnight you could happily pig out in balf a dozen venues, theo ring cabin service for extra supplies during the small hours. This will cost you not a single penny - or, in the on-board currency, a cent. Hori-

zon most closely resembles an additional US state, drifting without uodue purpose off

Seating for formal dining seems to be allocated by nationality, with British diners kept away from US citizens. So the ideal place meet Americans is in the men's sauna (though possibly not if you are female). Unless you encouoter a strangely reticent specimen, within five sweaty

minutes of settling on the painfully piping-hot timbers, you will find out where he is from, how many times be has been divorced, how much he earns - and how much he paid for the

The one certainty in this torrent of information is that he will have paid more than you. Thomson has negotiated some entertainingly low prices for a five-star

re sion of the cruise, there are none of those departures. I paid £950. If you were to some getting used to is that you share book the same trip from the Celebrity Cruises' British office, you could pay about half as much again. One benefit of booking direct, though, is that it takes care of the difference between American passengers and the British over tipping. For "difference" read "stinginess".

Celebrity, like many other cruise lines. prescribes the exact gratuity that each passenger should give to various crew members. The idea is to raise wages to a decent level. But the practice finds little favour among

some Thomson pas-sengers. As Hurizon sailed south of the Puerto Rico Treneb. discontent was marked by an unseemly mutmy: the tip some Brits were a good few notes short of the ppropriate wad of dollars. For

direct clients. Celebrity avoids financial embarrassment by issuing tipping vouchers in advance removing the voluntary element from the equation.

Whatever the staff in the Starlight Restaurant earn from the British, they deserve double for unflagging good humour and service. The set piece each day is an elaborate dinner, such as is served in the kind of restaurant that would not normally have to cater for peo-

have seven opportunities to become accustomed to the idea, by which time the petits fours have multiplied to grands vingt-huits and you have not a snowflake-in-a-sauna's chance of sweating off the excess weight. Luckily I found the Knox family from Yorkshire unstintingly entertaining, though they might not say the same about me. Five stars for this family of five, then. but none for the official on-board enter-

But unlike Butlin's, you can quickly escape 10 the deck to watch a full moon drench quicksilver upon a thousand islets in the mirrored sea. Ah yes, that's where we are - the Caribbean,

its role as the threading through a necklace of islands which enjoy the possibly Clapham Junction duhious and certainly temporary henefit of our of cruising 7 company. Names skip enticingly from the pages of the brochure as you were flicking through a stamp album: Antigua, Barbados, Martinique.

Puerto Rico, St Thomas. And some people's view of the ports-of-call is as twodimensional as a postage stamp. As far as the ship's excursions desk is concerned. the perfect passenger is expected to sign up for a minibus trip around the island, eat a mass-produced lunch and end up at a mass-produced souvenir shop.

Yet you can easily evade expectations. The chaner airline will accept a bicycle for free. It slows nearly into your cabin

service deliveries. You are now equipped for rapid transport around the ship (there may be a hy-law prohibiting on-board cycling but I swear I never saw it). And table with the same diners every night. You effortfully around each island, taking stock of the scenery and providing modest entertainment for the local people especially when hauling yourself wheezily up the little-known Barbados Alps. Take the cycle clips off on Martinique, the insufferably jolic French island with Himalayan tendencies; next day, pedal thankfully across Antigua's ample acres.

Si Thomas is the saddest call: handsome Danish heritage swamped by a tidal wave tainment: a dreary procession of sub-Broadway pastiches that would never calves for Puerto Rico, big and pretty have made it to Butlin's at Bognor Regis. enough to absorb its role as the Clapham

▲ Puerto Rico: big

enough to absorb

Junction of Caribbean cruise. At the boistrous harhour in San Juan, you bid farewell to your sauna-soulmates who miss out on the best treat of the whole voyage.

While Chuck and Hank fly back to the Midwestern snows, the British enjoy the longest stay of all: 16 hours in one of the minor gems of the Spanish Caribbean, inhabited by a raucously friendly hunch of people

with apparently no business more pressing than to exchange beers with British boaters.

The final night leaves you in an unfamiliar position of seniority. To the new arrivals who boarded in Puerto Rico, you are an old shiphand, demonstrating your grasp of the ropes (and the sauna) to the newcomers. How curious your departure must appear to them the next morning when Horizon moors off the Dominican coast. A mobile juke box puffs across from the mainland to pick up that funny lot, still

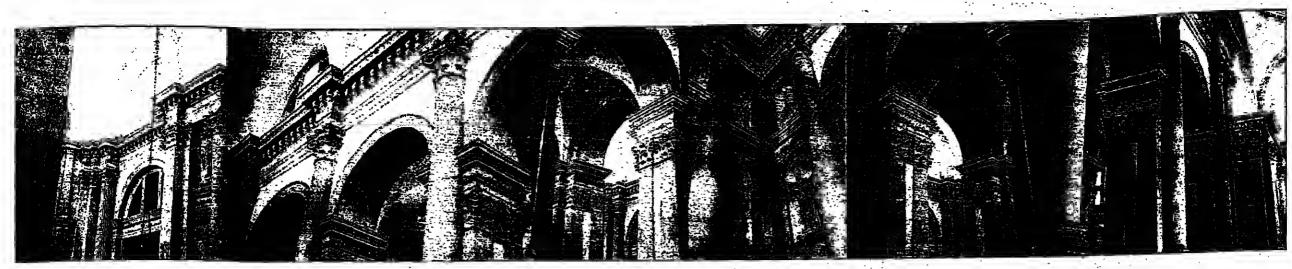
defiantly clutching their duty-free bags. For the first 36 hours of the British ver- cruise. For the peakest of high-season ple like me. Another aspect that takes without impeding the procession of room Washington New York Cologne San Francisco Amsterdam

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# Praise be to Air Miles

Matthew Hoffman gives a guided tour through the heavenly vaults of **Venice** 

n late 1993, I realised that I could collect Air Miles simply by paying bills with my bank-issued credit card. But where should I fly to, when I finally succeeded in garnering thousands of miles (which, at £20 per mile, would obviously be some time off)? Three years later, on a cold, misty winter afternoon, I peered through the unwashed glass of a motoscafo speeding through the Venetian lagoon. The campaniles of Venice were spread out to starboard like the skyscrapers of New York as seen from the New Jersey turnpike. It was midweek, rather than a weekend, and I had booked three nights at an inexpensive pension just off the Grand Canal near the Accademia

art gallery.

There was a problem, though. What can you do in such a treasure hnuse as Venice in only three days? Or, more precisely, what can you do without? For me, the answer was determined by a summer holiday spent in nearby Vicenza in 1995. On that occasion, I had spent about 10 days touring the Veneto (Venice's historic mainland dependency) seeing as many as I could of the buildings of Andrea Palladio. the 16th-century Vicentine architect. Now I decided to confine my sightseeing on this short trip to Palladin's two complete churches, San Giorgio Maggiore and II Redentore - or at least to make

them my first priority. Of course, I had seen the exteriors of these churches before. Who hasn't? Anyone who has ever stood in front of the Doge's Palace, at the heart of tourist Venice, and looked across the lagoon, has noticed the classical portico of San Giorgio floating there, anchored to its little to a serious purpose; it's not a



island. And, turning to the right, along the waterfront of the Giudecca, with a little more discernment you may have picked out, from the line of smaller buildings, the compact, domed profile of Palladio's votive church dedicated to the Redeemer, in thanksgiving for deliverance from the plague of 1575-6. On this trip, however, I wouldn't merely gaze from afar.

Within an hour of getting to town. I had walked across the Dorsoduro from my hotel to the Zattere water-bus stop and caught a number 82 vaporetto to Redentore on the Giudeoca; but it was already late afternoon, with sunset fast approaching. The church is lit by natural light and it was, to be frank, gloomy inside. It had a chaste magnificence but none of the delight of, say, one of Veronese's frescoed rooms in Palladio's Villa Maser. Of course, it was dedicated

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nohleman's pleasure palace. But somehow I had not allowed for the difference. It was too dark to stay long, and I left for dinner a little disappointed.

spent among the glories of Venetian arts

Correr, I set out with trepidation for San Giorgio Maggiore. This time.

and crafts in

the Museo

tore may be made for spiritual reflection; San Giorgio is designed for show. The wealthy Benedictine monks must have wanted a church

he prayers.

coincidence of anniversaries.

It is a good thing that St Augustine

chose not to mess with Pope Gregory

the Great. He and his monks had trav-

elled as far as Gaul. Weary, they wanted

to be released from their obligation and

return to Rome: after having been

encouraged by letters from Gregory",

Augustine landed in Kent in 597 to

begin reconversion to Christianity.

(The Romans first brought Christian-

ity to England, but under the Anglo-

paganism.) Hence 1997 is a year of cel-

sary of his arrival, and an equal com-

sance grandeur. This is more something out of a Roman temple. Roman empire than Roman Catholic. Take the deep, U-shaped

choir behind the chancel. Above the carved stalls there is an alter- dome, there is a thrilling sense of The next day, after a morning nating series of windows and niches

> ▲ Palladio's compressions of pilasters and capitals, seemingly overlapping as they turn corners, are surely music frozen in space 7

though, I was delighted. Il Reden- for standing sculptures, each ele- building were like notes of a comment separated by an order of Corinthian half-columns surmounted by pediments and linked by a wide, sculpted moulding. A to rival the newly rebuilt St Peter's broad, classical cornice crowns the

Back in the main nave, through the aisles, into the apsidal arms of the transepts and under the high

desire - to take a last look at Il Redentore. The Giudecca Canal was shrouded in fog and the spatial ordering. Architectural historians write church loomed up before me as I approached it from the vaporetto of the rhythstop. I plunged on inside and

> between upkeep with San Giorgio was bays, and repetitions and immediately apparent. The latter church is now looked after by the variations of motifs, as well-endowed Cini Foundation, and the stucco of the walls is though the members of a smooth, the paintwork fresh. Il Redentore has peeling plaster and discoloured surfaces: the

position. That analogy had always seemed strained to me, but Palladio's compressions of pilasters and of capitals, seemingly overlapping as they turn the corners from the

tographs, and then decided to sketch a couple of bays in the nave. That made all the difference. A few scratchy pencil marks revealed to me the arrangement of small and large classical orders, and the subtle interplay that linked them. Il Redentore reveals its secrets much more reluctantly than San Giorgio, but it is worth the wait and the effort to penetrate them. Much of the church is cordoned

my last morning I set out early -.

more from a sense of duty than

found myself alone but for a clean-

ing woman. The contrast in

Franciscans seem to have

remained as poor as their founder.

All Palladio's buildings pay great

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off and only the nave is open to the public. But the cleaner left one of the side-chapel gates open, and from the change in angle of vision there my understanding of the building gained a new dimension. A priest then emerged, and, with his permission. I was able to explore more of the church; to walk under the dome, into the apses, around the altar.

Still, the mild, diffuse early

morning light was a great improve-

ment on that of late afternoon, and

as I lingered in the church, the fog burnt off and shafts of rosy light filtered through the plain glass ther-

mal windows. I took a few pho-

In the book I Quattro Libri dell' Architettura, Palladio echoes his ancient Roman predecessor Vitruvius in pointing out that each huilding must be appropriate to its purpose. "Temples in particular", Palladio tells us, "ought to be so made, that they might have so much heauty, that nothing more beautiful could be imagined, and so disposed in each of their parts, that those who enter there, may be astonished, and remain in a kind of ecstasy in admiring their grace and beauty.\*

I can attest that this ecstasy is available, in very different forms, to those who will take the time to experience it, at both of Palladio's

#### attention to tonal values: they in Rome, for what they commis- whole ensemble. Though the niches nave to the crossing to the chancel, look ill when shabby, although they bounce hack to life with a litare surely music frozen in space. sioned from Palladio is a magni- contain what are no doubt meant tle repair work. ficent showcase of High Renais- to be saints, the overall effect is like The next day in Venice I great Venetian churches. Chaucer revisited: the priest's tale

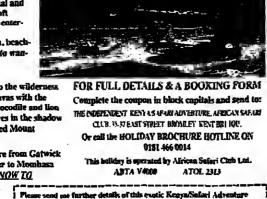
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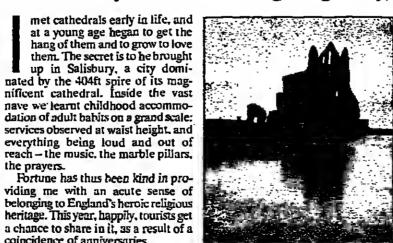
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either, on his route from Ireland, what with recalcitrant monks and shipwrecks.

English Heritage has designated this year a time of celebration of the country's Christian traditions. We are invited to follow in the footsteps of the early Christian fathers - along the way meeting some mothers too, among them Queen Bertha and St Hilda. Special Saxons the country had reverted to events around the country include an exhibition of medieval imagery at the ebration, marking the 1,400th anniver- Bar Convent Museum in York, and tilemaking demonstrations at Cleeve memoration of the death of St Abbey in Somerset. The highlight of Columba on Iona. St Columba didn't English Heritage's year is on 25 May, have a particularly easy journey of it, when the Archhishop of Canterbury

of St Augustine's Abbey in Canterbury.

Over the next six months, the holiest of English cities will host exhibitions of paintings and photographs and a dis-play of relics of St Thomas Becket, including the Becket chasse, or casket, acquired by the V&A last year. The Dean of Canterbury is not anticipating miracles. He is, however, expecting much toing and froing, and even more visitors than usual, when the pilgrim-

> As Chaucer's pilgrims got the urge to go on pilgrimage in April, "when the sweet showers fall", so, too, will the chapter and choir from Canterbury Cathedral set off for Rome in April. There they will sing, and share in worship at holy places - San Gregorio al Celio and Santa Maria Maggiore. They are not the staff-and-cockleshell variety of pilgrim, as they are travelling there by the fastest means available, on

age season gets under way.

a scheduled flight from Heathrow. Shortly afterwards, a group of 50 will reverse the itinerary, and a handful of walkers will be among them when they start from Rome on 18 May. They are travelling through Italy and France and will be joined by a further 400 pilgrims when they reach Canterbury Cathedral on 26 May, the feast day of St Augustine.

The massed ranks of pilgrims then take on 9 June. The journey's end is the city available free by calling 0171-973 3434.

opens a £1m museum amid the remains founded by St Columba, today seen as a place of reconciliation. The route will take the pilgrims through great cities and places of urban and industrial deprivations, as well as more conventional places of pilgrimage, such as Whitby Abbey (left) and Lindisfarme Priory. This pilgrimage is not seen as an exercise in nostalgia, but as a treading of the Christian faith through cities and suburbs where the main religion is not necessarily Christianity - such as Leicester, with its large Hindu and Muslim communities.

We live in days of high speed travel, and in many ways barely skim the surface of our world. In making 1997 a year of pilgrimage, Britain's Christians of the four nations hope to make present generations more conscious of the faith and the way in which Christianity has formed us and our world.

The writer is priest at St John's in Waterloo, London

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# Mexican nave

The spirit of the Mayans is alive and well in Chiapas. By Matthew Wells

ae authorisatioo letter. purchased for the princely sum of 30 pence, left me in no doubt that I was about to see something unusual: "Warning. It is forbidden to take photos inside the church. It is also forbidden to take photos during any rituals, as well as of officials wearing ritual costumes. Those tourists who do not respect these rules will be punished."

I was in the heart of Mexico's Zapatista rebel country, in a village called Chamula - a market-place and meeting-point for dozeos of remote peasant settlements in the greeo and mountainous countryside. Everything there focuses on the . simple, whitewashed church that lies at one end of the enormous square. But it's no oil painting on the outside. There are far grander Baroque colonial masterpieces, I reflected, io oearby Sao Cristóbal.

Yet, by late morning that day. fireworks fizzed aimlessly into the sky from behind the church, competing with the din of small brass bands working up a frenzy beneath. The wbole village was electrically charged. The doorway of the church was guarded by several youths, wrapped in brilliant white animal skins and wearing impressive -Panama hats. My eotry credeotials were carefully checked, and I passed through solid doors that have been providing sanctuary for 400 years.

The villagers here are largely desceoded from the Mayan Indians, and although the idols of saints and the incense that huog thick io the air were vintage Catholic, the baring of souls taking place all around predated the Spanish arrival. Family groups littered the hay-strewn floor, chaoting in front of thousands of

small candles. A woman cradled her heavily pregnant daughter, seemingly in a trance, while a man lay face down under a woodeo table

- more likely drunk than tired. Many of the locals buy a powerful home-brewed spirit in the square outside, to be liberally drunk throughout their devotions. I ooted that the greatest number of semi-recumbent bodies was around the altar rails, the quietest part of the building.

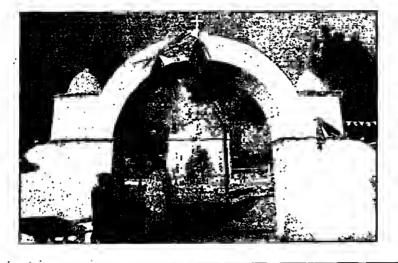
There are no seats in this extraordinary place. In the centre of the nave, an eotire village group lioed up behind guitar players, and a small boy squeezed a soothing series of slow chords from a rickety accordion. There was no coordination to their singing and chanting. But, as if some secret sign has suddenly been made, they departed together, faces stained with

People prayed in a mixture of incantatioo, meditatioo and tears. I felt like an observer in ao outpatients' department for injured souls. And, as in a busy bospital, there was little concern about the outward appearance of the courch:

the emphasis was oo healing.

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Paleoque and Uxmal are far grander moouments to what the Mayan civilisation ooce was. Here, though, surrounded by the bumbled descendants of the Mayans, you get an understanding of the fervour that caused such places to be created. You also comprehend the collective belief in the campaign for self-determination, which manifests itself in support for the Zapatistas in the face of repression and human rights abuses such as those reported this week from the sad state of





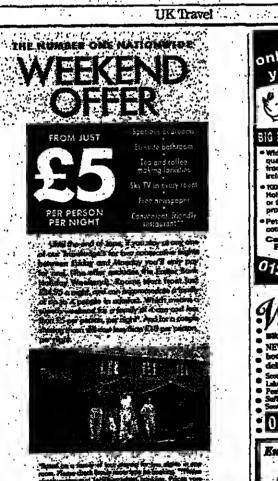
On the way to church, above. The simple, whitewashed church at Chamula, left, where souls are bared, Mayan style. A mother prays with her child, right PHOTOGRAPHS TOP AF LEFT RUBERT HARDING, LEFT AP



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# Blowing hot and cold

Stephen Wood left New York and hit the slopes of New England

peculiar climate. I knew what it could do to autumn leaves, but I had no idea that it could turn skiers red, white and blue. While I was packing for my trip to Killington, Vermont, a colleague holidaying in the nearby resort of Stowe was already experiencing the local winter fevers, shivers alternating with sweats.

If I had telephoned her, I would have known to pack an extra pair of gloves, a conple of short-sleeved T-shirts, all my thermal underwear and an umbrella. Luckily, I only went for the

It was a brief item in US Ski magazine that had given me the idea. A new ski-train service, it said, had started running this season from New York's Penn Station to Rutland in Vermont. The rock-bottom prices for winter transatlantic flights made the idea feasible. For £159 return I could hang out with my friend Leslie. in New York; add another \$100 for the round trip on the Ethan Allen Express ski-train, and I could have a couple of days' skiing at Killington, the higgest resort on the US East Coast. The weekend before last, I put the idea into practice.

Amtrak's offices in London had never heard of the Ethan Allen Express: a helpful woman at Penn Station gave me some departure times over the phone, but they weren't for the right train; if I had noticed that my map of New England did not show a railway line to Rutland, I probably would have given up. But thanks to Leslie I got to the station at the right time, picked up the ticket she had booked, and joined 50-odd other skiers squeezing on to the train among a crowd of late-afternoon commuters heading for up-state New York.

I know why the train is called Ethan Allen: it celebrates the leader of the insurrectionist Green Mountain Boys, who fought for and created call it an express. Still, it's a lot better too, apart from the well-groomed ter than nothing, which is what Rutslush covering the swathes cut land used to have the rown had been through the trees. Killington's topogwaiting 45 years for a passenger ser-vice when the first Ethan Allen bighest point, Killington Peak, Express arrived in a parking lot last reaches only 1300m.

It had been pleasantly warm in cracked the skiing thing? I had it. New York, almost T-shirt tempera- Killington's most difficult double-diature. But at night in Killington the mond black runs were no problem,

weather was positively barmy . - . . I stepped off the bus from Rutland on to soft mud, and in my lodgings fell asteep listening to water pouring off the hillside. The next morning, with the temperature pushing 60F, I felt as incongruous in skiwear as those Christmas Day weirdos in their rienced skiers should proceed, and swimming trunks - and after a few only "with equipment in good con- that we could be "fried". For the next



From T-shirts to full thermals in rapid succession: in Killington the weather is positively barmy

minutes' walk to the ski lifts I was just

on the tricky mogul fields I picked my way past those less skilled than myself lying in the slush. It was only on Killington Peak's Downdraft piste signpost announcing that only expe-

dition"; but at the bottom I had a half-an-hour we stood in pouring rain around in the event of a breakage. the state of Vermont in 1777. But an as wet, and much hotter and redder troubling feeling that the run only average speed of 48 miles per hour in the face. Not only did it feel like seemed easy because it was - a dison the five-hour trip is no reason to Wales in mid-May, it looked like it, appointment confirmed by another appointment confirmed by another British skier, who agreed that Killington's pistes are not nearly as black as they are painted.

For the East Coast's biggest resort, Killiogton is surprisingly small. Thanks also to the efficient lift sys-December (Rutland's railway sta- . But it was a good morning. You tein (and the supremely efficient British love skiing in the USA), you can cover almost the whole area in a day. I would have managed that, hut for the electric storm. I had already been queuing for 15 minutes to get back up to Killington Peak after lunch when the whole system ground that the doubts set in. At the top I to a halt. A large, bearded resort read a government health warning, a employee bellowed that state law required the lifts to be stopped in these conditions, on the grounds

until state law took pity on us. Soaked through, I felt cold for the first time in Killington on the endless run (a vertical of almost 1000m) down to the Skyeship lift base.

Cold? That was nothing. Next morning, the temperature had dropped by more than 30F; the hills were covered with ice, and the wind glove day; and the skiing was no fun. So I climbed into a warm car and was driven to the New England Ski Museum at Franconia, New Hampshire. This gave the lie to the notion that in the USA things are bigger and better: in a smallish shed, it offered a good video, a disappointing collection of ski fashion through the ages, and an usual collection of wooden skis - including one with a point at both ends, to be turned in tomorrow's Independent on Standay'

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The only real treat was the collection of beautiful, plain-black 1960s Head skis, for which I would almost give up

my heloved K2 Twos. The next morning was bitterly cold again; but the full force of Killington's awesome snow-making capability had been turned on the slopes, and by now the ice was covered. I had a wonwas piercing. Despite the bright sun-light it was a full-thermals, four-down the almost deserted nistes. leaning right over to push the K2 Twos into a carve... perhaps my skiing has improved after all. Then it was hack to the Ethan Allen Express. waiting in the parking lot at Ruiland, for five-hours-worth of beautiful sunlit views of New York State, followed by another happy day tramping the streets of Manhattan.

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his week, Virginia Bottomley has told me lots about travel. It is encouraging that politicians are at last taking the industry seriously, but I find some of her comments curious On Wednesday, the Department of National Heritage sent out a press release boasting of record earnings from foreign visitors to Britain. One reason, claimed the heritage secretary, was the Lottery's generous award of "£11.9 billion to expand the National Portrait Gallery".

A quick calculation shows that £12bn would buy an awful lot of stolen Picassos, and would indeed help to feasure London's continued and universal appeal". But the amount that the National Lottery actually promised to give the gallery was a more modest £11.9m.

Misprints are easier to forgive than misrepresentations. The thrust of the press release is that more overseas visitors are coming to Britain, and that they are spending more. But when you get the raw data from the Office for National Statistics, you discover something odd: that while the total number of visitors is at an all-time record, the average individual is actually spending less. In 1995 a typical tourist spent £503 in Britain; by last year the mean spend had fallen to £487. Worse still for the UK

economy, the travel deficit is accelerating alarmingly: we spend much more abroad than we earn from tourism, and the gap is widening. Every day in 1995. British tourists spent £10m more abroad than we carned. Last year that figure rose by 11 per cent. While we splash out on foreign travel, inbound visitors are inclined to spend less.

Why could this be? Another missive I received this week suggested that there is "a fundamental threat to every tourist business up and down the country". Before reading the rest of the press lease. I pondered : possible causes for a continuing decline in visitor spend.

Just a couple of plausible candidates from yesterday's headlines: the prospect of a long, unhappy train journey from the capital to Windsor or Winchester, because of the wholesale cancellation of non-commuter services by South West Trains. Or



the posiponement by a year of the completion of the Juhilee Line, the construction of which around Westminster has wrecked every tourist's photographs of Big Ben

over the past three years. No: the real threat, it turns out, is Labour's "tourist tax". The despatch is another one from Mrs Bonomley, writing this time from Conservative Central Office.

In a speech to Britain's horeliers in London, she explained that she is not referring to an actual tax tunlike, for example, Air Passenger Duty which is set to double in November: this will be a £20 levy on every non-EU tourist leaving the country by air). In fact, Mrs Bottomley is referring to "Labour's slavish ideological support for the European Social Chapter and Minimum Wage". which will roost one million jobs". So now you

Nn one in the travel industry was especially surprised when Sunvil Holidays was voted one of Britain's best tour operators by readers of Which? magazine, The company runs high-quality holidays to diverse destinations, including Crete and Costa Rica, But Sunvil's managing director. Noel Josephides, is surprising plenty of people with his pronouncements on staff and customers.

Mr Josephides has a weekly column in the travel trade newspaper Travel Weekly. His views, always stimulating, are sometimes downright controversial. Last year he surprised an industry in which a high proportion of employees are female by saying that companies should have the right to suck workers who become pregnant.

Now his target is the travelling public. In a story about the marketing factics employed by large tour operators, he writes: Don't forget, the public is not very bright.



#### something to declare

#### A likely story

popular, the size of a nation's offshore growth of coral skeletons has become an instrument for attracting lourists. No one disputes Australia's claim for the longest reef, the 1,000 mile Great Barrier. Now Belize, whose coast is decorated with a strip 150 miles long, is much closer to these shores than is Australia. But before you dive for your mask, you should know that Belize is beaten by three others: New

"The second-longest reef in the world" - guide books and tourist office hand-outs for Belize Caledonia's Southwest Bar-As diving becomes more rier (380 miles) and Northwest Barrier (340 miles), plus the Great Sea Reef in Fiji (155 miles). Belize, however, does have the longest coral reef in the Northern Hemisphere. This information came from David Stanley's South Pacific Handbook

(Moon, £14.95), which rubs in the South's ascendancy by

in the Caribbean."

#### Trouble spots

Sweden: "Like other cold and

Antisocial practices around the world

sparsely populated countries, Sweden faces serious concerns about alcoholism. An estimated 300,000 of the country's 8.5 million people drink so consistently that their health is in danger, according to the Swedish Institute. Strollers in Stockholm's squares on Saturday mornings dodge pools of vomit left by Friday night's carousing crowds." - AP Australia: "The most popular pastime in Australia is giving other people a hard time. If there are no Poms around, they resort to picking on each noting, "Over 600 species of other. It's just the way they are, hless 'em." - TNT Auscoral make their home in the Pacific, compared to only 48 tralia and New Zealand Travel Planner, free by sending an A5

sae with a 55p stamp to TNT Travel Planner, 14-15 Child's Place, London SW5 9RX. Saudi Arabia: "Anyone involved in a commercial dispute with a Saudi company or individual may be prevented from leaving the country pending resolution of the dispute." - Foreign Office Travel Advice Unit (0171-238 4503) Lebanon: "Last Tuesday, an irate driver opened fire on a bus carrying Japanese tourists in eastern Lebanon, sending at least one bullet through the rear window of the bus. No injuries were reported. Susan Abed, a guide on the bus, said the shooting was the result of 'a dispute over the right of passage' on the road." - AP

#### Visitors' book

Himalayan Mountain Institute, Darjeeling,

You have a wonderful museum here, but please get a grip of it. The maintenance is poor, there have been no entries in the lists of climbers since 1993 and the souvenir shop is a disgrace -Colonel R Jukes-Hughes. Shropshire

You should have recorded the first British woman to climb Everest, Rebecca Stephens. Otherwise a very good, characterful museum James B Ryle, Kent

Deeply moved, inspired and amazed - Carohn Newman, Canberra

#### True or false

You need at least a week to travel by land between Panama and Colombia

False. Although maps show the n'er-do-wells: "The jungle route Pan-American Highway melting into the jungle of Darien in is getting more dangerous every year, and foreign travellers are eastern Panama 30 difficult definitely advised to get a miles from the Colombian frontier, the new edition of South America on a Shoestring (Lonely Planet, £17.99) describes some alternatives for the traveller who prefers not to spend days cutting

guide... An unaccompanied foreigner may be assumed to be either a drug trafficker or a US Drug Enforcement Agency operative." Instead, you could fly from Panama City to Puerto Obaldia on the Atlantic coast

(fare £25), whence it is a fourhour walk along the shore to the Colombian village of Capurgana. From here you can fly to the city of Medellin in about an hour for about £30. With luck you can cover the whole Panama City-to-Medellin distance between dawn and dusk - and spend the next year dining out on the day you

walked the Darien.

Or should that be "Bargain of the Year? From this morning. British Airways and Qantas are selling flights to Australia at an absurdly low fare, given all the stopover possibilities, The deal is on offer for

travelling out in April May or June, and returning by the end of July. To Brisbane, Cairns.

#### Bargain of the week

Melbourne or Sydney, you pay £699 plus tax ~ a fairly typical low-season fare for quidity airlines. But in an act of spectacular generosity, the two airlines are offering stopovers in Africa or north east Asia. The choice on the outbound leg is between Bangkok or Singapore, but on the way back

you get to chose from Osaka. Peking, Seoul or Tokyo in Asia: in Africa, the Zimbabwean capital Harare or Johannesburg in South Africa. You can book through any agent, or either airline; the fastest response vesterday was from Qantas on 0345 747767. Bookings must be made by 8 April.



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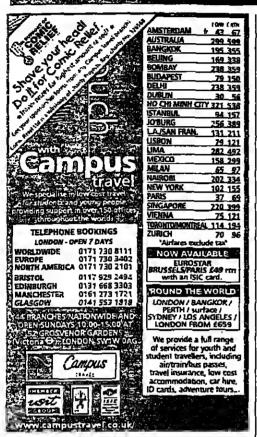
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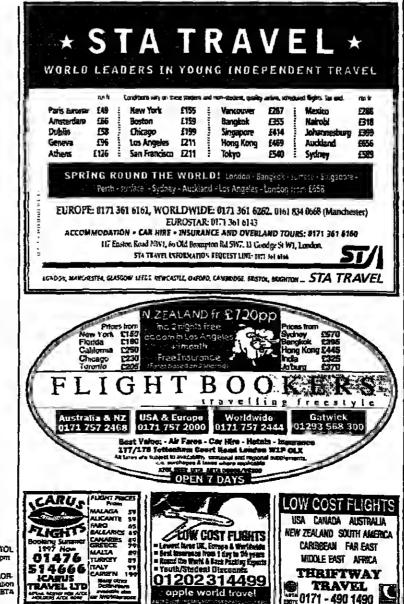
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National Milis Day There are about 400 mills across the country that are open to the public, a fact celebrated on 11 May, when our industrial heritage sets its sails for a day of activities, many geared-especially for children. Some mills will offer free or reduced price entry for the day. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (0171-377-1644) publishes Mills Open, which gives details of all mills brown to be considered. of all mills known to be open to the public.

Wimbledon Windmill Museum, Windmill Road, Wimbledon Common (0181-947 2825) This was the site of many duels in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Common's unusual hollow post mill, built in 1817, forms the main attraction, along with a collection of milling equipment to show how the mill would have worked and models depicting the history of windmills. Most of the euipment is robust and child-proof and kids are encouraged to try their hand at the grinding process. Open Saturdays. Sundays and public holidays, April to October, 2pm-5pm. Adults £1, children and concessions 500.

Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3EE (01884) 840960) If you don't know the difference between bobbins and a "Pollit and Wigzell drop-valve horizontal cross compound steam engine" this working wool mill and museum can provide answers. From lamb to pullover, the whole process is on display, with tours explaining the machines in action and the life of its 19th-century workers. Open April to October, 10.30am to 5pm daily. Adults £5, children £2.50, family £13.50.

Skidby Windmill, just south of Beverley on the A164, East Yorkshire (01482 884971) A working mill with milling on Sundays. Easter at Skidby on 30 March includes a painted-egg competition and free face-painting. The mill is holding a fund-raising fare on 23 March. Open weekends, 10am-4pm. Adults £1.50, children 50p, concessions 80p.

Delabole Wind Farm, Deli Farm, Delabole, North Cornwalf, PL33 9BZ. (01840 213377) Ten wind turbines stationed here provide "green" power for 3,000 households. The visitor's centre explains how - and looks at other renewable sources with the help of working models. Call for opening

Museum of Weish Life, St Fagans, Cardiff CF5 6XB (01222 569441). Wales used to be home to hundreds of corn mills, driven - as this one is - by water. Three floors of grinding and lifting machinery turn grain into feed under the miller's supervision. Open Easter to October, 10am to 6pm. Adult £5, children £3.75, concessions £3.75.

Tormiston Mill, nine miles west of Kirkwall (A965), Orkney. Sympathetically converted to include a craft shop, visitor's centre and restaurant. Although no longer. working it has retained most of the original machinery and waterwheel. Open from April, Mon to Sat, 9.30am to 6.30pm, Sunday 2-4.30pm.

# Flour of a scientific heritage

Caroline Millar saw the sails go round at Green's Mill, Nottingham

reen's Mill stands pictur-esquely silhouetted against the white sky of early spring. Children scream and point excitedly to the vast sails gathering speed in a win-ter breeze. Inside, there is a noise like a vast treadle sewing-machine as the millstones grind impressively into action.

Yet the Mill is not just a nostalgic souvenir of our rural past. Situated in the heart of industrial Nottingham, it also tells the story of George Green, one of the greatest scientists of the 19th century.

This mathematician and miller inherited the mill from his father, who had built it overlooking the valley of the river Trent in 1807. George, a largely self-educated man, played his part in the husiness. He also pioneered the application of mathematics to natural. phenomena such as electricity and magnetism. Although he was virtually unknown during his lifetime, his work is now used in all the physical sciences.

Kids may scoot past the section of the museum that deals with Green's life. What they will dawdle over is a hands-on science section where Green's interests are illustrated by wave machines, echo tubes, and illusions such as the "ghostly hands". You can even get a rather lurid throwback to Sixties Op Art by looking through the prism towards the moving sails of the mill,

Outside, the sturdy brick buildings have a practical beauty. And, the nearest thing to heaven for the under-10s, an extra-long slide snakes its way down the hill.

Caroline Millar, a freelance writer, went to Green's Mill with her son Thomas, seven, daughter Claire, four, and niece Emma Atamaniuk, eight.

Caroline: We all felt quite awed by all those vast wheels turning in the mill. You can't help saying to yourself, "how amazing, it really works," when you see the bags of flour at the end of it all.

It was quite an adventure to climb to the top, and see Nottingham spread out in front of us. The stairs were very steep, though, and I wouldn't want to take a child under four up there.

I found the historical details fascinating. You realise how recent our urban landscapes are when you see a reminder of an . older way of life still standing, like

the mill Emma and Thomas preferred the hands-on science, and learnt quite a lot from seeing Green's Mill in action. But I don't think the mill is ideal for younger children. At four, Claire got very



Not just a nostalgic souvenir of the rural past: Green's Mill tells a story of scientific ach

bored, and verged on a temper hand. But the video in the tantrum when she couldn't buy a museum was a hit boring.

Emma: I liked it because it was interesting when you could see all air. Thomas looked the big wheels going round. You he was doing that could see the sails going past the window and I think the wind must be very strong to push heavy things like that. In the science part

I loved the hig slide. It was more slippy when you went on your coat and put your feet in the air. Thomas looked funny when

Thomas: Actually, none of it was boring. I liked to see the hig wheels turning. They were going I liked the hall with all the pink round very quick and it must lines that go to your hand - it have been a hard wind. But the looked like lightning striking my steps up to the top of the mill

were steep and when I had to go down I had to go backwards. There was a round thing and

when you put your hand in, it was reflected like a ghostly hand. I kept trying to shake it but it kept moving away. The slide was dead hig. Emma

thought I looked funny, but I

Claire: I liked the playground and the windmill because it could go round. I liked the hit that the

water goes in [the wave machine]. But I cried because I wanted to buy something.

The deal Green's Mill and Science Centre is at Windmill Lane, Sneinton, Nottingham NG2 4QB (0115 915 6878). Opening times: Wednes-

day-Sunday (and Bank Holiday Mondays) 10am-5pm. Entrance: Free - but visitors are urged to buy a bag of Green's Mill

Access: Telephone for details of special disabled access (to the museum only, not the mill). Buggy-pushers may find the steps up to the museum a problem. Toilets: Clean. There are toilets

for the disabled. Catering: There is a cafe, run by volunteers. On the day we went it wasn't open, and the nearest cafe was in the city centre. Education: Lots. Ring the mill for details of sessions on bread-mak-

ing, corn dollies and wind power.

Our guide

scored Brownie points

by revealing our naïvety at the liberties taken by TV

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# The mystery appeal of the dreaming spires

On the trail of Inspector Morse: Rhiannon Batten investigates Oxford

pparently one parbooked up by Americans is that a certain occupant recently died in it. Fortu-



ticular room in Oxford's Randolph Hotel is invariably these days. The reason for the popularity of room 310 nately for the visiting Americans, this was not to do with any bealth or safety problems the room might have had. The doomed lady

To cater for this massive interest, the local tourist information centre has just set up an official walking tour especially for all the Inspector Morse locationspotters. Taking in colleges, museums, pubs and gardens, the tour is intended for true Morse enthusiasts. but you need not be terribly well-versed in the Inspector's code - on the walk I oined our guide was quite happy to change the itinerary to suit the wishes of the

was not even alive, as such,

in the first place. She was a figment of Colin Dexter's

hehind the *Inspector Morse* programmes. The series has

become so popular around the world that many

tourists now visit Oxford

specifically to try to seek

out Morse's sleuthing

grounds.

jottings. As his fans will

know, he is the writer

The majority of tourists in my group requested a the more general Oxford sights as well as those associated with Morse. The twohour meander around the city saw us blinking up at the Ashmolean Museum from the steps of the Ran-



The Sheldonian Theatre, in the sleuthing ground of inspector Morse

episode that featured ... an dolph Hotel, dodging the Brasenose College, gargoyle-spotting at Exeter College, admiring the effects of the light outside the Sheldonian Theatre, also includes reduced catching an impromptu cello recital inside a college chapel and stepping on to

reminded of numerous classic Morse scenarios. Scoring a few Brownic points for herself, our teleliterate guide revealed our naïvety at the liberties taken by TV programme makers. The "colleges" frequented by Morse, it seems, are in fact an imaginative assortment of various bits of different colleges pieced together to deceive viewers.

college tortoise at

Addison's Walk at Mag-

dalen, all the time being

And our Oxford tour guide

was especially scathing.

about one particular

Oxford tour guide. The onscreen reputation of the profession was tarnished by the provision of some very suspect information indeed. The Morse tour ticket

admission to Carfax Tower. a regular location in the programmes. From the very top of the tower you get a chance to peer down into those college quadrangles that you wouldn't otherwise he able to see. Living in Oxford myself,

and wearing heels well worn by several selfdevised walking tours staged for friends visiting the city. I wasn't initially inflamed by the prospect of spending a blustery March afternoon visiting the scenes of various invented murders around the city.

knowing a great deal more about Oxford, as well as its screen appearances. Certainly for anyone who

hasn't previously explored the dreaming spires and is a fan of Dexter's dreamedup stories, the Morse tour makes for an entertaining as well as educational way to explore the city.

Inspector Morse tours run on

Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, between March and October. They start at 1.30pm from outside the Oxford Information Centre in the Old School at Gloucester Green (beside the bus station). Prices are £4.50 for adults and £3 for children, including a concher for reduced admission to Carfax Tower. The tour lasts for two hours. For mores to information, call 01865 726871 or fax 01865 240261.



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# I want to be a ranger

The city worker's dream is within reach, thanks to the demand for managed wild habitats. By Hamish Scott

o ahandon a well-paid career for a working life in the country is an occasional dream of many a city dweller who has spent too many years staring at a computer screen whilst longing for the sight of huz-zards wheeling in an open sky. Most probably dismiss such thoughts as a fantasy, but at agricultural colleges up and down the country a curious phenomenon has emerged: the middleaged professional retraining for a new career in nature conservation.

"I was always interested in conservation, even in my childhood when it was just called natural history," says Julian Cross, a 44-yearold student at Lackham College in Wiltshire. "I'd go out to the Chillerns with my father to hunt butterflies and I could identify all the wild flowers, but when it came to a career, none of that seemed relevant." Instead, Julian became an archaeological illustrator. escaping only at weekends to satisfy his love of nature.

But attitudes to conservation and the countryside have changed dramatically since Julian left school. Our national parks and forests are visited by millions each vear. Unspoilt stretches of the coastline have been acquired by organisations such as the National Trust downland has been taken out of cultivation and given over to public access; green lanes and ndgeways are now busier than they have been since the advent of the motor car. This new view of the countryside as a popular amenity rather than an agricultural resource has been matched by an increased concern for its proper conservation: coppicing is on the increase, new hedges are being laid, dry-stone walls repaired, and rare habitats preserved as sites of special scientific interest. Such changes have created a



Country custodian: Julian Cross retraining for a new career in nature conservation

demand for country rangers, wardens and custodians trained in ways that might seem strange to some traditional estate managers. They must treat members of the public as welcome visitors, not trespassers, even when a child is swinging on a fragile gate. Their concern for wildlife must extend to birds of prey and other species that a gamekeeper would classify as vermin. They must be prepared for constant scrutiny of all they do, and 10 justify even the felling of a tree. Experience with people, enthusiasm, and a proven interest in conservation are the qualities required; even those with roots set deep in city pavements may prove to he suited to the life.

For Julian, the first step towards changing his career was to join the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Britain's leading practical conservation charity, which co-ordinates activities involving more than 80,000 volunteers each year. Working unpaid at weekends, Julian learnt bow to build cob walls and coppice hazel woods. Also, for the first time in his life, he met countryside rangers and other full-time conservationists, Many, he was astonished to discover, had previously been soldiers or accountants. Now they had, it seemed to him, "the most fantastic jobs in the world". And, as they all assured him, it was not too late to join their ranks. Most jobs in nature conserv-

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in countryside management, available at most agricultural colleges, and mature students are generally encouraged. Julian had little difficulty in being accepted on a two-year part-time course at Lackham, leading to an advanced national certificate. The academic course is wide-ranging, with an emphasis on husiness studies: managing a National Trust estate, or even a remote wildlife preserve, is no refuge from the modern world of market forces.

Julian is now about to start his final term at Lackham, The past two years have not been easy, since the need to spend two days a week at college made it and woods to manage. "Now impossible for him to keep his job. that," he says, "would be idyllic".

ation now require a qualification and a grant of just £600 a term has proved inadequate for even basic needs. Thanks to his artistic skills, he has managed to survive by doing picture restoration, but many fellow students bave fallen by the wayside and returned to their old careers. Nor does Julian expect that it will be easy to find a job, for cut-hacks have affected countryside management as surely as they have the world of archaeology. The difference is that he has yet to meet a burnt-out conservationist. "It's a way of life," be explains. "A vocation to be proud of." And he's just heard of a post that may become available; warden of a water mill with riverbanks

ne of the most fiddly yet agree-able tasks of the winter is to refurbish the frames that fit into the lifts of the beehives, nine to each storey. Each wooden frame measures 5in by 14in and contains the honeycomb drawn out by the bees from a central sheet of wax foundation.

In an ideal summer, combs come out the hive loaded with liquid honey, each cell lightly capped with wax. To release the harvest, all one has to do is slice off the capping with a hot knife and spin the combs in a centrifuge, so that the honey is flung out and the cells are left empty but intact. The frames can then go straight back into the hives, or be kept in store, for the

bees to use again. Yet ideal conditions seldom prevail. All too often nowadays, some or all of the cells turn out to be full of honey from oil-seed rape, which is white and stiff, like candy, and cannot be extracted. As a result, you are left with a frame full of goo unshiftable by human hand. The only remedy, I have found, is to stand frames along the fence of the orchard and wait for the bees to recycle the fruits of their own labours. After a week or so, the combs are clean, and the frames can be put away.
Unless, that is, badgers find them.

Last summer the reject frames sur-vived one night intact. On the second morning the orchard looked as though it had been hit by a bomh. The grass was trampled flat. Frames had been dragged about and flung in all directions. Some had even been heaved through the sheep-netting and carted half-way up the field.
From the violence of the onslaught,

I suspected that the raiders had been displeased by the thin wire which runs through each comb in a zigzag, to give it strength. Probably this had caught in their teeth as they guzzled; nevertheless, they had managed to devour the contents of about 40 frames, rape

honey, wax and all. Hence the need, at this time of year, for repair work. It is easy to huy new sheets of wax foundation from specialist suppliers, but to fit them into place requires dexterity and patience. Each frame has to be partially dismantled: slim panel pins have to be eased out, and the thin little bars which have to be detached are easily hroken. The whole contraption is usually encrusted with old, dry wax which has to be scraped off; bees are fastidious creatures, and do not like having loads of rubbish dumped in their houses.



#### Bees are fastidious creatures and do not like having rubbish dumped in their houses

Gently does it, then. Each frame takes several minutes to restore, and find I can complete only half-adozen or so before starting to feel that I should be doing something more urgent. With 50 or more to be tackd, the prospect can seem daunting.

The pleasure of the operation derives from producing order out of chaos, and from letting one's mind range ahead to next summer's honey harvest. Every winter brings a great fear that the colonies will not survive - that they will freeze or starve to death - and I can scarcely believe that

they are going to come through. I know that bees survive cold weather by forming a cluster which continually adjusts itself, the insects rotating from cool periphery to warm centre, and vice versa. Yet a severe frost fills me with dread on their behalf, and when they re-emerge - as they recently have from all five hives - it seems a minor miracle. Now, with a feed of candy in the top of each hive. they should go from strength to strength.

As I work on the eaten-out frames, wonder why badgers do not knock my hives over, especially in winter, when food may be scarce: they must be able to smell that the brood chambers still contain stores of honey. Attacks on hives have been known, and badgers frequently dig ont wasps nests to get at the grubs, apparently impervious to stings. Besides, a wellused badger run passes straight through my orchard, so I know Brock is about most nights. Maybe some unwritten pact is in force between us: be knows that I do not harass him in his sett at the corner of the wood, and in return he does not harass me,

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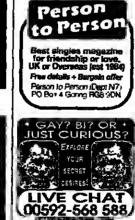
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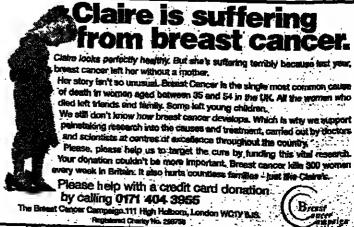
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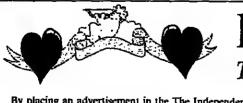
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# Are you ready for Spring?

It's time to get moving in the garden. Anna Pavord suggests a swift catch-up service

wouldn't go so far as to say that spring has arrived, or anything soppy like that, but it sure as bell doesn't feel like winter any more. After trial by frost and a terrifying sequence of gales, the garden has suddenly changed tack Instead of presenting me with a series of corpses, it tosses up new flowers practically every day. When last I tridged up bright green, curly-leaved parsley in a big the path over the bank – it seems like a pool at the front of his long border. Thompson & Morgan is offering eight Instead of presenting me with a series of Crocus tommasinianus Barr's Purple' poking up between the stones of the path. and tiny jabs of magenta from the snub-nosed flowers of Cyclamen coum.

These sights wind up a gardener. After a slothful winter, when even a trip to the compost beap with the potato peelings seems like a major horticultural endeavour, it is time to get moving again, to pick. up the pieces from whenever it was before Christmas that being outside lost

The ground outside is still too cold and for delivery early May. wet to encourage thoughts of planting seed. Instead I have been leafing through. catalogues looking at quick-fix alternatives: young plants, mostly annuals, that year's tattered leaves from around this you can order through the post and grow on to put out in May. Last year, I sent off for plants of the brilliant blue pimpernel. Anagallis monelli, which grows wild round the Mediterranean, It's not a showy plant last year's leaf spot disease if you judge by the size of the flowers, but ferred to this year's growth.

the blue is so searingly clear, it draws your eye as unerringly as the biggest sunflower.

I grew it in a pot It is generous, with new stems springing from the base of the plant and flowers over a long period. But the best display of it I saw last summer April, delivery from late April.

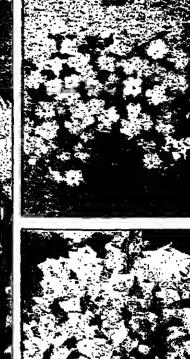
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So, that's the easy bit. Jobs outside require a little more effort. First of all hellebores. If you haven't yet cut away last season's new flowers, do it now. The flowers will look very much better without a ruff of aged memento mori foliage around them. You will also cut down the risk of last year's leaf spot disease being trans-









After a slothful winter, it's time to get moving again: '101 Asters' (main plc), 'Anagalli monelli' (top left), 'Lobelia Rainbow Cascade' (bottom left), 'Lobelia Cleopatra' (top right), 'Antrhinum Popette' (bottom right)

And a couple of hours speet spring-cleaning among borders will do wonders for the garden's morale. At this time of the year you can pull the dead, bleached leaves of iris, such as I ochroleuca, cleanly away from clumps, where fresh leaves are already beginning to sprout.

This particular iris bas tall, handsome leaves, often to 3ft, with white, beardless flowers blotched with yellow. But all irises will appreciate a little attention now. Clear away dead leaves and other debris from the tops of the rhizomes and cut withered, weathered tips from existing foliage. They will also appreciate food. They do not need anything heavily nitrogenous, but a handful of bone meal or hoof and horn will cheer them up no

My column, Weekend Work, will return at the beginning of April to hound you with jobs to do in the garden each week. You have a few blissful, nagfree weekeods ahead. If you get behind, and start muttering rebelliously, "I bet she hasn't done that", take heart in the fact that you will probably be right. Especially if the instructions have any-

thing to do with lawns. Or weedkiller. For a swift catch-up service that will enable you to stand at the starting line in April unencumbered by jobs that should have been done in March, read on. Sow seeds of sweet peas, seven to a 5in pot. They germinate fast. When you are choosing seeds, remember that deep pink and salmon-coloured flowers are likely to have less seent than blue or mauve ones. If you bave already sown seed, remember to pinch out the tops of young plants to encourage new side-shoots.

If you think that sending off for readygrown annuals is cheating, and want to grow your own from seed, get going fast, Begonia, campanula, busy lizzy, lobelia and salvia all germinate best in the light, with the seed not covered with compost. Constant damp is important for busy lizzies. Cover the pots with cling film and

you won't have to water them. Growth is galloping away on herbaceous perennials such as day lilies, but clumps of polygonum, campanula, rudbeckia and helenium that you meant to split and move last autumn can still be tackled. Water the hole that each is going

into, before you put in the plant, You'll lose less water by surface evaporation if you work this way round. Despite the storms that went with the recent gales, this has generally been a very dry winter and water is likely to be scarce in the coming

Split up large clumps of snowdrops and aconites when they have finished flowering. Replant them in small groups, in ground refreshed with bone meal or home-made compost. This is a good way of kicking "blind" snowdrops back into

Snip dead blooms from camellias. They will not fall on their own. This is a grave fault on the camellias' part, making them at this stage in their lives look like last week's funeral offering. Camellias flourish spectacularly in cool conservatories, where their flowers, especially the white ones, do not get spoiled by rain. When flowering has finished for the season, repot potted camellias in fresb ericaceous compost to build up plants for next year's

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the garden this year. Fit a water butt to catch rain. Put wads of water-retaining newspaper at the bottom of the trenches where you grow sweet peas or runner beans, Newspaper will be almost as good as blotting paper at hanging on to any rain that falls over the next few months. Stick a plant pot or a length of plastic drainpipe into the ground beside any newly planted shrub or tree. Pour water into this, so that it gets straight to the roots, rather than evaporating wastefully on the surface. And mulch, mulch, mulch.

Nurse overwintered fuchsia plants back into growth by increasing the amount of water you give them. Trim them over lightly if they look scraggy. Don't keep them too warm; a temperature around 50F is plenty. At some stage check - by knocking the plant out of its pot and looking at its roots

- whether you need to pot it on into a bigger container. That's it. For now ...

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as the Lenten helfebore, whose flowers are weird, witchy. in October in part-shade in colours, markings as individual . as fingerprints. Most dramaticare the slaty, wine-coloured. lowers, the petals dulled with grape-bloom. These helicbores grow happily in deep shade, provided it is not dry and starved. The flowers last a long. time, the colour slowly ebbing from the petals till they become like old parchment. As the

lower of the hope. leaves that last all year, making a Helleborus orientalis, known good feil for later percentals. leaves that last all year, making a 4.30pm) at Burleigh Community that are less well endowed. Plant Loughborough, with classes for deep, well-drained moist soil and then leave them alone. They hate to be chivvied.

> The Royal Horticultural Society is holding an orchid show today (10am-5pm) and tomorrow (10am-4pm) at its ball in Vincent Square, Westminster, London SWL Plants for sale. Admission £5 today, £3 tomorrow.

The Alpine Garden Society is holding a show today (12pm-

College, Thorpe Hill, primulas, cyclamen, saxifrages, dwarf narcissus, fritillaries and corydalis. Admission £1,

The Harlow Carr Botancial Gardens at Crag Lane in Harrogate is holding a series of spring courses. These include: alpines today (1.30-4pm); propagation on Wednesday 10am-4pm), pruning roses on Thursday (1.30-4pm), and pests on Saturday (10am-4pm). Further details from the Education Dept on 01423 565418.

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"I wonder if you can help with a book suggestion," asks Geraldine Martin of Penarth. "I sbould like to know if there is a dictionary in which one could look up the names of all the people who have plants named after them. I would like to be able to look up Henry, Hooker.

Miss Willmott, Parkdirektor Riggers etc. just to know who they were.

Some of the people Mrs Martin mentions, such as Sir Joseph Hooker, the Victorian director of Kew Gardens, and Ellen Willmott, the famous plantswoman of Warley Place in Essex, are listed in The Oxford Companion to Gardens (Oxford University Press, £29.50), but this book, which covers the world, lists only the most famous names in any country. So Augustine Henry, for example. the famous Irish plant collector. is not listed.

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The only book I know that is devoted to people who gave their names to plants is Who Does Your Garden Grow? by Alex Pankhurst (Earls Eye Publishing, £10.95). But Augustine Henry isn't there, either, Mrs Martin will have to make do with Mary Henry, who collected and named the phlox 'Chatterhoochee'. Nora Barlow (aquilegia) and Maggie Mott (viola) are other unsung heroines whose stories are told by Ms Pankhurst. The book is available direct from Earls Eye Publishing, Lamb Corner. Dedham, Colchester, Essex CO7 6EE.

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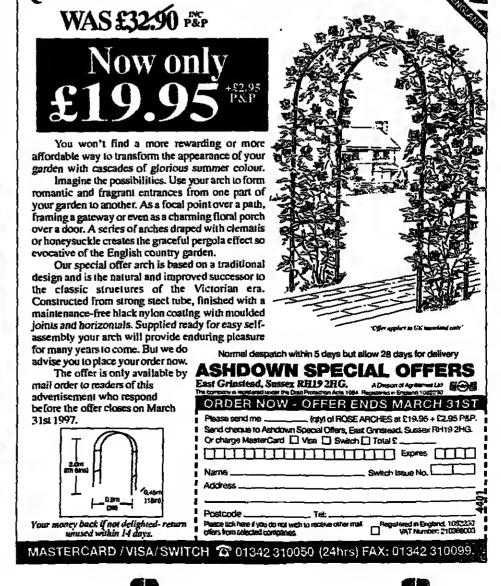
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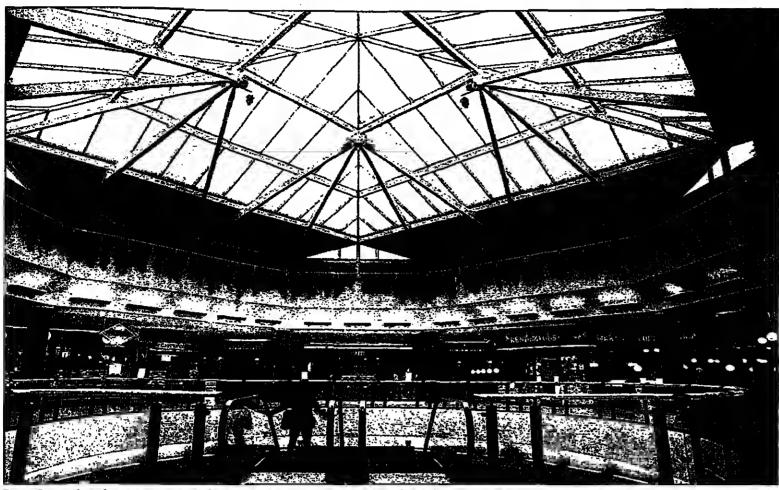
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# The mother of malls

By Jane Furnival

or Britain's newcst social tribe, a row of shops containing a food store, post office and off licence would not sustain life. Today we have shopping malls, and mall materialists need a centre the size of the Starship Enterprise for life's

Twenty-one years ago this week, the mother of all those mails opened. Brent Cross shopping centre, off London's North Circular Road, celebrated its birthday. Shoppers were offered tea and coffee at the 1976 price of 25p (it's nor-mally £1.25). Models sashayed down the walkways wearing 1976 fashions: flared trousers, floral kaftans, wet-look boots

and cork-soled clogs. A 21st birthday is a shameless marketing ploy worthy only of a mall. Does it mean that it's now a grown-up place to shop? Has it been drinking in pubs, voting and having sex for several years? Will it be going to university?

Back in the baby years, that opening week didn't go entirely smoothly, recalls Zubi Peera, fashions manager at John Lewis. Some customers became overexcited at the thought of something new and imaginative, that they couldn't get in a high strect.

"An elderly customer, convinced that Brent Cross was one enormous shop, came up to the perfume counter in John Lewis and tried to pay at one till for items from all over who owned one or two shops

#### Changes in our shopping habits

The move to supermarkets 1976: 524 supermarkets; 51,494 independent small shops. In 1976, of our £8.8bn grocery budget, about 70,000 small shops took about 30 per cent of our spending (£2.7bn). Supermarkets took about 50 per cent of our spending

(£4,4bn). In 1971 we spent less on food: £4,2bn. By 1979, we were spending £13.4bn on food, a rise of £9.2bn. 1995/6: 777 supermarkets; 31,382 small shops. Of our £54,3bn grocery budget, the supermarkets took 65 per cent (£35,1bn).

The small shops, which accounted for 80 per cent of our food shops, took about 10 ner cent of our spending (£5.3bn). Sources: AC Neilson, Shopping centres' own statistics, Biss Lancaster.

The spread of shopping centres Brent Cross, North London: Opened in 1976, with 400,000 visitors in the first year; in 1996 they had reached 12 million. Merry Hill, Birmingham: Opened in 1985 with 11.5 million visitors in the first year; by 1996 the number of visitors had

Smith, Fenwick, C&A, Marks

fact that most mall shops,

such as M&S, John Lewis

& Spencer."

life's rich pageant.

the centre - Boots, WH only," recalls Alan Witkin, of Waitrose, who is chairman of the Brent Cross Traders' Her mistake illustrates the Association. "In some cases, they were given large sums to move out - hy bigger shops

reached 23 million

reached 24 million.

Metro, Newcastle: Opened in 1986 with

numbers were up to 28.5 million. Meadow Hall, Sheffield: Opened in 1990

1996 visitors were up to 30 million.

Lakeside, Thurrock, Essex: Opened in 1991 with 9 million visitors in the first

12 million visitors in the first year; in 1996

with 20 million visitors in the first year, by

year; by 1996 the number of visitors to this

most successful of shopping centres had

NB These figures may possibly be inflated

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pushchairs and even large bags as

based on car parking, assuming an

New out-of-town shopping centres currently under construction

average of 2.5 shoppers per car.

Bluewater Park, Dartford

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shopping centres are known to count

visitors". Metro Newcastle's tieure is

eager to take their place." and Knickerbox, could swap windows and few would Today, the only really indinotice. For those who value vidual shops are Godiva Chocolates (selling Kosher variety, malls are not part of chocs for its Jewish patrons) "In the early days, there and a museum store selling were more individual people copies of Tutankhamun's pet cat. No one else, presumably, can afford the rent - £300 ~ square foot, as high as in

Knightsbridge. What a knockable subject the shopping centre is: a focus of righteous indignation. The malls are accused of stripping the high street of stores, forcing people to get into cars and car parks.

And from the point of view of the small shop owner it is hardly surprising. During the Seventies the number of corner shop grocers fell sharply, from 86, 565 in 1971 to 51,494 than 30,000. After the shops to 25 that worked, it Monopolies and Mergers wouldn't be so bad." Commission paved the way for supermarkets and petrol stations to sell newspapers and magazines in 1992, 2,000 shops were closed within two

The march of the mall is inexorable. City centres in county towns such as Aylesbury, or busy suburbs such as Watford, have long disap-

peared. Pretty churches in Exeter and Bromley stand pathetically isolated on traffic

But despite the complaints of environmentalists, people flock to the successors of Brent Cross. The hot new Lakeside Shopping centre at Thurrock, in Essex, has seen "footfall" increase from 9 million in 1991 to 24 million last

right next door to the Brent Cross car park, has no truck games." for the critics. She shops there three times a week and still uses local sbops for special things, such as hardware and camera film.

"Brent Cross gets blamed, but the things I buy there are things I would have bought in the West End. Selfridges misses out, not the local shops. All shopping areas need to be managed. Hendon Central, built in the Twenties, is getting filthier, with deserted shops. If in 1979. Today there are fewer they turned them from 50

> Professor Robert East, who researches consumer behavtour at Kingston University, Surrey, is even more rhapsodical. He claims: "For people with boring lives, mall shopping is interesting, stimulating and glitzy. In my last shopping trip."

classes may be snobby about malls, but in 1976 we got what we wanted. Mugging was on the increase: Brent Cross had visible safety in the shape of the security guards. Most small shops could not offer the ease of credit card transactions and guarantees of sound goods; Brent Cross and the chain stores were more reliable. Refunds for poor merchandise were easier to come by, and credit cards had become the main means of exchange. High streets were busy, wet and polluted; now you could park under cover, Sit down with the children, and find a clean lavatory when you wanted one.

The professional middle

Today, ironically, we prize the one-off, the shops that specialise in health foods, second-hand clothes, flowers. Individualists can stay away, and seek antiques shops elsewhere. Mall materialists like the idea of antiques, but they buy only repro. John Lewis stocks that.

Nor do they want to buy scruffy, dirty vegetables, how-ever charming the greengrocer is. The market area closes next month at the Arndale Centre in Wandsworth, southeast London. "Community essentials such as the fisbmonger and watchmaker are being transferred into kiosks down the main walkway," says the centre director, John Holt. We're spending £17m on Marjorie Price, who lives refurbishing, with themed restaurants and virtual reality

> To stay alive, the centres must evolve. The Government has stopped smiling on them, and they cannot expand because of clampdowns on

planning permission.
Hillary Hudson-Oldnall, marketing manager of Lakeside shopping centre, says:
"We're highlighted as the bad guys that spoiled it all. But supermarkets did most to spoil it, and we deliberately don't have a supermarket here." She has a cheaper area for smaller shops and foreign store tryouts, so that shoppers can see the latest. She is proud of her

two supervised play areas. What of the future? The supporters of shopping malls think they are providing a lead to town planners. "Town centres have got us to copy," says Hillary. "It is hard to critresearch, only 1 per cent of icise a well-designed, man-people actually disliked the aged environment, where parking is free and easy."

Shopping guide for the mall materialist, 1997

enlivened by street entertainers and pickpockets in the middle, with one freezing couple taking cappuccinos in the open air café. Galleria: empty shopping centre with cinema and water feature (fountain) in the middle. Contains either gift shops designed to suck your credit card dry in five minutes, or "retail

Piazza: cold, open square supposed to embody upmarket metro chic. One-off shops bangars containing electrical appliances bangars containing electrical appliances which, when you ask to buy them, are often out of stock or damaged. Take a picnic and Portapotti. Restaurants and lavatories are

Shopping village: shops miles from a village. Expensive restaurants to take advantage of the fact that you are a captive. Do not conoutlets", aka cheap factory shops.

Retail park: no park, apart from car park, books or The Archers for more details).

# History in a velvet cape

Fancy putting on your own performance? A sale of theatrical costumes offers a chance of real glamour. Robin Dutt reports

ant to be beyond retro? Fancy striking out anew with an old-took? Then don't settle for imitation; have the real thing. This country has a formidable supply of antique costumes and textiles - most of them at reasonable prices and, best of all, still fabulously wearable. One of the most significant sales of the season will be held at Sotheby's next week when a large chunk of the Maddermarket

Theatre collection of period costumes and accessories goes up for sale. The 156 lots are expected to fetch around £40,000, and will include practically everything imaginable, including delicate, 18th-century lady's slippers, Victorian mourning garb in black velvet and jet, and sparkling Twenties and Thistier velvet gamains

Thirties velvet evening capes and silk gowns. The Maddermarket Theatre of Norwich is designed in the style of an Elizabethan playbouse. It is unique in that it is run professionally, with amateur actors performing. Founded in 1921 by Walter Nugent Bligh Monck, also founder of the English Drama Society, the theatre has so delighted its playgoing public that many bave donated costumes and clothing to its buse wardtobe. Indeed buge wardrobe. Indeed, the playhouse's reputation attracted the talents of the international stars Dame Ninette de Valois.

The costumes donated were not a rag, tag and bobtail of desperate items which should have perhaps found their way to the local charity shop. The Suffield dress (top) and a The Norfolk public 17th century Jamaican tortoishell

proud of, and generously donated important period costumes, including unusual accessories such as parasols, day and evening gloves and superb hats. So generous were the donations that the already ample wardrobe became overcrowded, and the decision was taken to sell off a selection of the costumes and use the proceeds to renovate the playhouse.

The joy of staging a period drama here is obvious. Kerry Taylor, the costume specialist who was asked to catalogue the collection, is enthusiastic. "It is amazing to think that performers at the Maddermarket Theatre working on an 18th-century period production March. could simply walk into the wardrobe and pick 8080).

an original 18th-century costume off the rail to wear on stage. This is a unique collection.

The costumes date from the 1750s to the

Nineteen Sixties and most are in superb and wearable condition, despite having enjoyed several periods in the spotlight. One of the most historically important pieces is the "Suffield Gown", named after the

Dowager Lady Suffield, who donated the dress

to the theatre after the Second World War. It dates from the middle of the 18th century and is made of ivory silk brocaded with silver and gold threads. The dress is scat-tered with large silk purple and pink flowers and car-

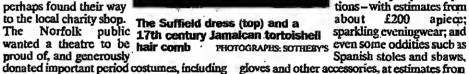
ries an estimate of £800-£1,200. Another highlight of the sale is a green velvet gown in the Aesthetic Movement style, circa 1878. sporting Medieval sporting Medieval-inspired sleeves, with a matching bag suspended from the waist. The estimate is £350-£500.

Vivienne Westwood recently predicted that the

bustle would make a return, Jean-Paul Gaultier, as we know, still loves a good corset. Other designers have begun to play with notions of padding out the hips and bottom all ideas borrowed from the past, At the Maddermarket sale there is a wonderful selection of Victorian dresses with bustles and indeed hooped petticoats and corsets dating from 1860 to 1890, with

There are some truly beautiful Twenties evening capes and gowns in panne velvet - perfect for this season's style preoccupations - with estimates from about £200 apiece; sparkling eveningwear; and

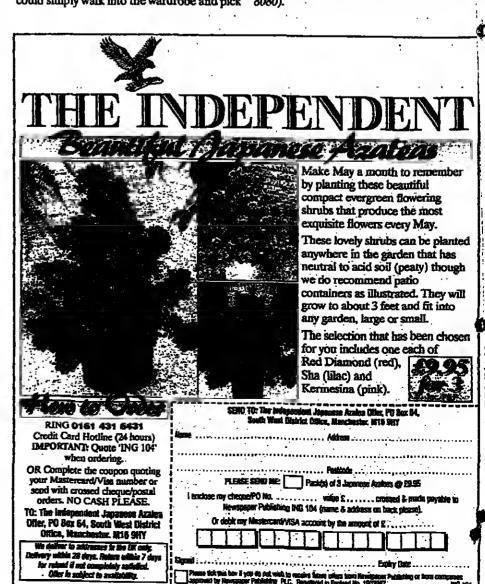
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about £150.

The great thing about buying garments like these is that not only do they have historical importance - and can be a sound investment they also bring the romance of acquiring a little slice of drama in the form of a silk dress or top hat and tails. These garments have tree

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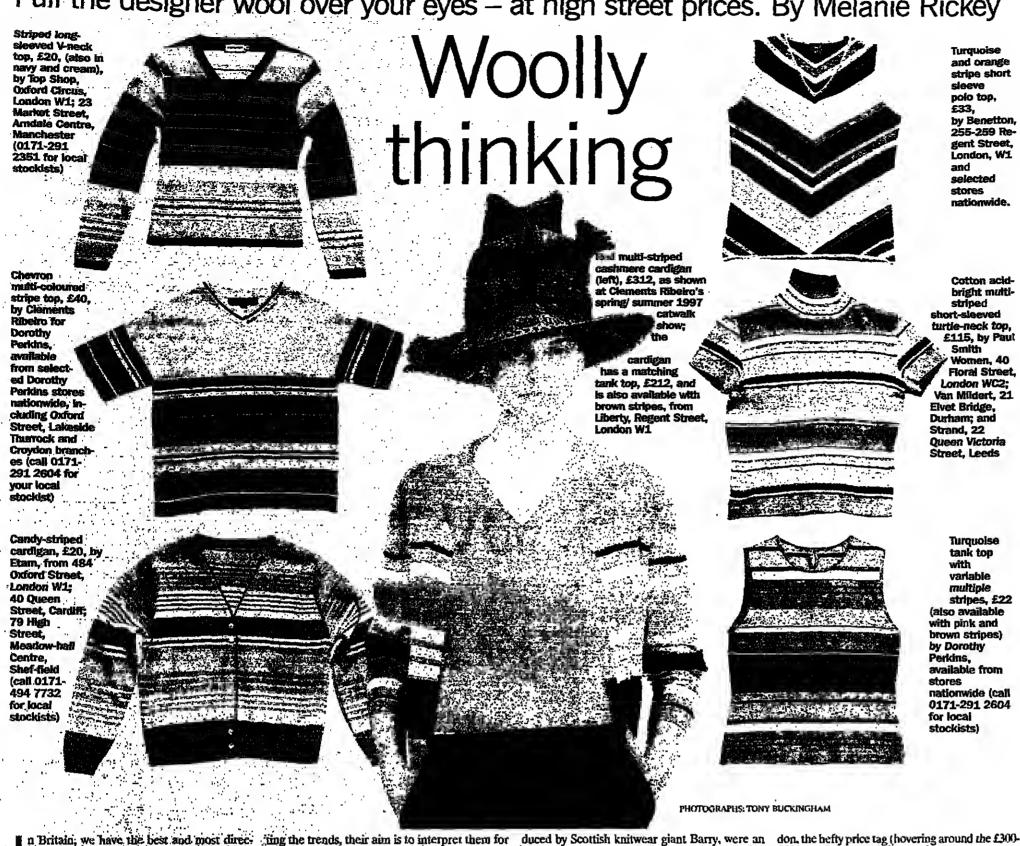




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Pull the designer wool over your eyes – at high street prices. By Melanie Rickey



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thanks to our rigorous art school system, the For this Spring, these mystery designers have best designers too. Firm and mass consumption.

For this Spring, these mystery designers have best designers too. Firm and milli-striped jumpers. Their inspiration? Clements Katharine Hamourt make headlines but there are Ribeito, the highly successful husband and wife

Ribeiro, the hundreds of nameless, faceless designers whose design team (Inacio and Suzanne) who, in Octodesigns we are far more likely to wear. They design ber 1995, sent multi-coloured, multi-stripe cashfor chains such as French Connection, Dorothy, mere knitwear down the runway to complement Perkins, Top Shop and Etam. And, while not set-their mainline collection. The cashmere knits, pro-

instant success with American press, who the following spring (1996) were all seen to be wearing their stripes at the Paris ready-to-wear collections. Today, the knitwear range sells as well as their found in New York, Dallas, Los Angeles, Tokyo and

Ribeiro soft cashmere jumpers at Liberty in Lon-

£400 mark) was a reality check.

However, the High Street has really come up trumps with a vast array of irregular striped jumpers in candy bright, acidic or earthy shades have an affordable version, thanks to their collaboration with Dorothy Perkins. Now there is no For those who may have fingered the Clements excuse but to brighten up your thermal winter

#### Under the Counter Expenditure to be catty about

hey puke under the bed, crap in the house plants and leave dead frogs in my slippers. These are not toddlers, but a pair of creatures who sleep in my bed all day. keep me awake all night, have chronic halitosis, and eat only mackerel in aspic: Devon and Tess, both four years old, are

I can't recall life before cats. It was certainly cheaper - hy about £680 a year - and that excludes initial set-up costs; cat transporters, litter trays, pooper-scoopers, baskets, fleecy igloos, electromagnetic cat flaps, collars, name discs, feeding bowls, electronic timed feeders, jabs and castration. Let's call that lot £400.

Other costs are unquantifiable: the savaged Baluchi rug (does anyone know how much a tassel-less one is worth?); the Art Nouveau figurine that I was about to take to Christie's worthless pastiche it may have been, but not even the expert would have been able to tell from my little dustpanful of fragments.

The embarrassment factor is a big consideration before you welcome these beasts into your home (let's face it, they perform DIY colonic irrigation in public). Too ofteo I've had to smile nervously at a dinner party guest while, behind him, Devoo was licking the salt off the cocktail snacks. And Tess has an underwear fetish - particularly for anything black and lacy. It's very cute to hear her hunting cry when she appears with a freshly caught bra. but less amusing wheo you are showing the huilder round and have to navigate him through an assortment of strewn lingerie. When I explained, his "pull the other one, love" look was painfully obvious. He thought his luck was in, and kept winking at me over his paint samples. (Mind you, his quote was very reasonable.)

Also, there are behavioural problems. My behaviour has become quite irrational over the past few years. I find myself calling up the garden: "Devon Malcolm, I won't tell you again. It's supper time!" The neighbours either think I am completely crazy, or are convinced I have an Eogland cricketer living

Nutrition is a worry. I return laden from the supermarket, but there is never anything to eat (except for a pot of Paul Newman pasta sauce that's been lurking for months). Instead, the cupboards bulge with delicacies such as "Arthur's Chunks in jelly with salmon, shrimp and added Omega 6 & 3 oils", "Sheba with fillet of salmon and whitefish flakes in a light jelly", "Hi Life Gourmet slices of pheasant in gravy", and Kithits, "a moist treat with cheese and beef". Soon we'll have "fricassee of seabream in a light raspberry coulis, drizzled with a prawn Marie Rose sauce", but it will still look brown and glutinous and smell like something you've stopped on.

OK, so I've dished out about £3,000 plus on them so far. I suppose they're grateful, in their own way, but it's so hard to tell. As a little old lady at the vet's once told me, "They do smile, you know ...'

Lindsay Calder

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Gavin Green reports from Geneva, the catwalk of car shows, where Mercedes chose its moment to step wildly out of character

t seems odd that Switzerland, Europe's capital of financial excess, should play host to a bout of sud-den pragmatism from the world's motor industry. But this year's Geneva Show, which usually bears about as much reality to the motoring world as the Paris catwalk does to this summer's M&S fashions, was full of sober, sensible motor cars. In particular, it was full of cleverly engineered small cars, which promise great fuel frugality, bold new styles and low-cost motoring.

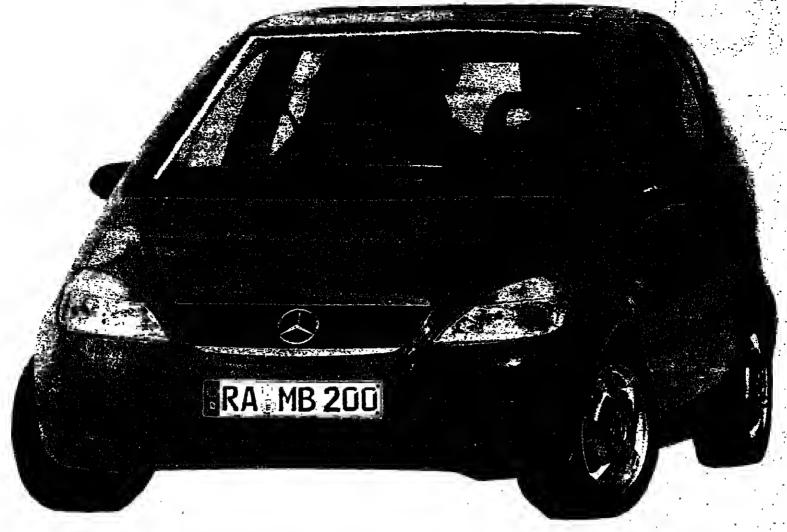
Just to make the Swiss feel a little more at home, the star car was a Mercedes-Benz. But instead of the usual oversized limo, from the back seat of which waddle overweight politicians, plutocrats and peers, the star Mercedes at Geneva was the long-awaited A-class, the smallest car that the Stuttgart maker has ever released. It is also quite the most radical tiny tot since the Mini of 38 years ago.

It is ingenious on so many fronts, First, it's shorter than a Fiesta but has as much cabin space as a Mondeo. This remarkuble space efficiency is largely due to its under-body drive-train, enabling more of the total length of the car to be devoted

Second, it boasts Renault Espace-style cabin versatility, with the possibility of removing the rear scat and, if you want, the front passenger seat, too. Thus it can be transformed from a five-seater into a single-seater van. Removing the rear seat gives easily enough room for mountain bikes. The rear seat is also fore-aft adjustable. In its forward position, the boot is covernous – and there's still enough leg-room for three backbenchers.

The cleverest part of the car is its twin floor-pans. They help give the baby much greater strength than other cars of this size. Mercedes says it is almost as crash-worthy as the big E-class, one of the world's safest cars. There is probably a bit of PR puff here - after all, the nose of the car is so short that there can't possibly be as much cushioning as on a car with a bonnet the size of an nireraft carrier's deck. Nonetheless, it's a fair bet that there has

never been a safer small car. From launch, engines include 1.4-litre cedes, not so long ago one of the world's and 1.6 petrol four-cylinder units. A most conservative car makers. The comcouple of four-pot turbodiesels follow in early 1998, one which is reputed to average 62.5mpg. British sales start in spring a technologically advanced baby car. It Volkswagen group unveiled its Ka com- the pretty-looking but otherwise pretty proposal, this one called the Spiritual.



# Birth of the baby

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Ford's new Puma, right, could be the cat's whiskers i Tigra territory

The A-class is a huge gamble for Mercongested, affluent cities, where small cars really are a boon.

1998. No one is being specific on prices overturns the bigger-the-car-the-better petitor, the Seat Arosa, preparatory to mindset which Mercedes, as much as any other maker, has helped to foster. It the Pico, in December. The Arosa is a significant is a new three-cylinder, 973cc should prove particularly attractive in big. dull-looking little thing, four inchesshorter than the Ka, but promising great .50mpg. It's still good for Hample fuel economy. It comes in under the cur-Hot on the wheels of the recently rent Ibiza, just as the Pico will come in

average Corsa, with endless minor engine; reckoned to average almost

Rover, which inveoted the modern small car in the Mini and has been doing

the mould with the A-class, left, exterior Fiesta-like proportions

There were both three- and five-door versions, with little engines under the rear seat and highly space efficient cabins, as well as various trad Mini styling cues. Sadly, and despite all the hysterics in certain media quarters, ("It's the new Mini!"), the Spiritual has about as much in common with the next real Mini, slated for the year 2000, as the Williams-Renault F1 car on display on the stand opposite.

The three- and five-door Spirituals are in fact 18-month-old styling studio models, dusted off by Rover to try to win some PR points and steal some of the Mercedes A-class's thunder. (Don't forget, Rover is owned by BMW, Mercedes' deadliest rival.) The real new Mini will have a conventional front transverse engine and, by all accounts, won't be the technological

big leap that some of us had hoped.

Ford, which got the new-wave small car fad underway with the Ka, is now thinking small in the coupé class. At Geneva, it launched its two-door Puma, a Vauxhall it launched its two-door Puma, a Vaushall Tigra competitor using the mechanicals of the recently revised Fiesta. Like all recent Fords, it looks either bold or weird, depending on your tastes. I like it. A new 1.25bhp 1.7-litre engine is the only motor available.

Further upmarket, back in more familiar Geneva Show territory, Audi – Europe's fastest improving quality car maker – took the covers off the new A6, rival to BMW's 5-series. It looks great, like all recent Audis. Early reports suggest that it drives as well as it looks.

British makers, who perversely have tended to dominate recent Geneva Shows (last year it was the Jaguar XKS, the year (last year it was the Jaguar X&X, the year before the MGF, before that the Aston Martin DB7) had a quieter time. Even those masters of high-cost luxury, Aston Martin and Rolls-Royce, were fairly quiet. Geneva is usually where they make a splash, secure in the knowledge that at least here many of the show visitors can east here many of the show visitors can actually afford their wares.

Rather, Geneva showed that the small car is now truly back in fashion again.

Look at today's traffic and pollution, and it's easy to understand why.

More of a surprise is who's leading the charge, and that Mercedes chose the Geneva Show to spread the good news.

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## Seat unleashes its pocket rocket

Road test: Seat Ibiza **Cupra Sport** By John Simister

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elf-denial in the name of a social conscience is officially over. Or at least it is as far as cars are concerned. Why else would a magazine called Max Power, full of souped-up hatchbacks painted in outrageous colours, be the most popular motoring rag in Britain? No doubt we can put this phenomenon, and the regrettable laddishness that goes with it, down to youthful rebellion. But there has always been a case for a good, hot hatchback, and on the back of its extreme resurgence in youth culture comes a rebirth in the mainstream.

Into this encouraging auto-sociological scenario is pitched Seat's latest and hottest Ibiza, the 2.0 GTi 16V, which is powered by an engine lifted from Volkswagen's Golf GTI 16V. The Ihiza is a small car, virtually a supermini, and a 2.0-litre engine with 150bhp ready to burst forth is a big motor for one so small. The idea of big-engined tiddler has always appealed, which is

why the Peugeot 205 GTI 1.9 and the Renault Clio Williams came close to cult. status among connoisseurs of driving, and this new Seat fills just perfectly the gap left by their demise.

There have been rapid

Ibizas before, specifically a 1.8 16V. and a 2.0-litre with a lazier eight-valve engine, but. the combination of cubic capacity and free-breathing valve-gear lifts the experience to a new level. You can guess this even before you scorch off into the distance, because the Seat sits on 12-spoked alloy wheels of enormous dimensions. There are various items of aerodynamic addenda, too, and inside we find rainbow-hued seat facings and silver dials to relieve the dark dourness

elsewhere in the cabin. What you don't see outside, though, is an obvious exhaust pipe. That won't impress the Max Power folk at all. You do hear its presence, though. It emits not the expected rorty rasp. hut a whoosh like that of a huge hairdrier a fraction of a

second after you press the accelerator. Simultaneously. the small Seat shoots forward - even if you're in a high gear and starting your spurt from a low speed - as

though near-weightless. That's one of the most appealing features of this crazy little car. It burtles with so little apparent effort, with potent push on offer right up to 7,000 rpm. This is not the sweetest of engines, but its muscles are abundant. And the easy burtling ability is especially useful given the gear change's obstructiveness some honing is needed here - because you are not forever having to shift up and down to keep the power coming.

Then there's the handling, so interactive that you practically feel you're part of the car. You would expect a car like this to grip firmly and feel planted on the road. but the steering tells you exactly what's happening under-tyre, and there's a feeling of balance which eggs you on into fine-tuning your cornering line with the accelerator as well as the

steering wheel. The combination is captivating.
You may even, for a fleeting second or two, imagine you're a rally driver.

Here's something to help your imagination along. Seat won the Formula Two World Rally Championship - open to 2.0-litre, front-wheel-drive cars - last year, using Ibizas not too far removed from this one. This year, the Spanish company's UK arm has created an organisation called Cupra Sport, to prepare cars for the British Championship. That's why the first 20 16Vs have loud "Cupra" stickers on the flanks and the tail, and lack a sunroof and air-conditioning. Later in the year, there will be a more discreet version with those accessories, and inevitably a higher price (£15,600) than the Capra car's £14,595.

This is a lot of money. But then the Seat Ibiza 2.0 GTi 16V, from the extrovert arm of the Volkswagen empire, is a heck of a lot of fun. Welcome back, truly hot hatchback. It's as though you've never been away.

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yet, but expect the A-class to cost from

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Peugeot 106 GTI, £12,605: Smaller-engined than the Scatt cheaper, too. Not as fast but nearly as amusing. Suitable successor to

Renault Mégane Coupé 16V, £15,340: Intended to replace Clio Williams, whose engine it shares. Looks good, has less room and

stodgier steering.
Rover 200vi, £15,995: Very quick, with clever Variable Valve Control engine, but less surefcoted than Seat. Rover wood looks odd in a

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year ago, this restored country house near Cordes in the Tarn, south-west France, price 900,000FF, would have cost a British buyer around £120,000. But the franc is falling against the pound, making it a more attractive proposition to buy a home in France. Now the house, set in walled gardens, with a pigeon tower and additional stone buildings, costs nearer to £100,000. Creeper-clad, with whitewashed walls and red tiled roof, it stands in country which enjoys long hot summers and short mild winters. It's a long drive from Calais, but the nearest airport is Toulouse, an hour-and-a-half from London. Through Anglo-French Agence l'Union (00 33 563 30 60 24).



This little cottage with large barn behind is in a tiny village 10km from Mayenne in Normandy. It sits on a slope, giving three levels inside the house. Stone built, with a slate roof, i needs considerable work to be done at the back. It is south facing, with a pear tree climbing up the front, and comes with a reasonable-size orchard. It is basically three large rooms with fireplaces at both ends, but has an attic that would convert. It has water and electricity. About £9,500 . through Splendid Isolation (00 33 243 03 09 21).



mioutes from the medieval town of Lassay les Châteaux, in Normandy, is in fairly good condition. Its attic could be converted into two more bedrooms and a bathroom. It has a fireplace with a wood burner in the main room, mains water and electricity, but no septic tank. The garden is about quarter of an acre and is surrounded by fruit trees. Around £9.800; through Splendid Isolation, as above.

Rosalind Russell

# Three of the best Shabby room service

Changes to the **Housing Act** aren't helping tenants. By Penny Jackson

ardly a day passes without more evidence of the boom in the rental market. Whether it is a report of rising rental incomes, cashrich investors rushing to buy flats or an estate agent opening a new lettings department, no one can be in any doubt that rentals are going through a good phase. No one that is, except the would-be tenant who often ends up feeling more like a nuisance caller than a customer. Tenants complain of a

second-rate service provided by people with little knowledge of what they are marketing and even less interest in their applicants' requirements. Far from benefiting from the growth in the numbers of letting agencies and what they imagined would be a new professionalism, more often than not they have to put up with unreturned phone calls, poor-quality property and lacklustre staff. A recent survey by Hamptons International of 50 tenants showed that more than 60 per cent were disappointed with the compromises they

ber recent search for a oneof Hamptons country business. She knows how having their time wasted by much pressure is put on staff either being sent lists of by demand far outstripping supply but was nevertheless shocked by the poor service she received. Her complaints are echoed across London.

Virtually nobody rang me

Annabel Barnes describes



back, but the one person who 'Ob no, not another one'."

that bear no resemblance to

"A sole-agency agreement because the landlord decided might have given me a better to rent privately. In the of the essence. "It is an

service, did, saying he bad found the suggested it," says Annabel perfect flat, on four occasions Barnes. "I think my search came up with a furnished one would have been much when I bad clearly specified easier if they had bothered unfurnished. I was getting to find out about me. but hedroom flat in Kingston as a desperate and was ringing bideous experience. It is not agents almost every other the first time she has rented day. I could tell by their and as an associate director, voices they were thinking, others took my phone of the country number but not my address. can do more than throw even asked if I was in employment. With only 10 unsuitable properties or days left to find a home, she we charge landlords a being sent off to view places saw eight properties over 48 penalty fee of a few hundred days left to find a home, she we charge landlords a hours. Only one was suitable,

but her offer was rejected

Hamptons survey, a large number of people whose offers had been accepted were gazumped or the landlord pulled out because he wanted more rent. Penny Parr-Head, who as

Hamptons' central London lettings director conducted the survey, believes agencies when faced with gazumping, "As soon as we have an offer pounds if they withdraw. It makes them think."

In a tough market, speed is

week. They never knew, but we told the landlord he was contravening the Estate Agents Act. Race is a big issue at the top end of the market and it would make a huge difference if agents didn't turn a blind eye to it."

to continue with a client who turned down a couple on

racial grounds. "They were terrific tenants offering the

full asking price of £1,000 a

Penny Parr-Head is one of those expressing concern about the number of inexperienced agents jumping on the lettings bandwagon. She argues that as they need to know about fire and safety regulations, tax implications, and are responsible for their own legal work, a much wider pool of knowledge is needed in lettings than in sales. "How many tenants, for instance, are warned that they could find themselves liable for a landlord's tax if he lives overseas?"

She is also sceptical about the latest amendments to the Housing Act. One of the changes now allows a landlord to go to court if a tenant is two months in arrears instead of three. This, she believes, will do little to protect the landford against constant non-payers and nothing for the vulnerable tenant who falls on hard times, "We need to protect those at the lower end of the market while making sure that tenants who can afford to pay, do so. For rents over a certain level, one month in arrears should be grounds enough to go to court. There are tenants swanning around we insist that they fax other in Porsches, constantly owing a couple of months' rent and living at the expense of the landlord." But for those whose

biggest problem is becoming a tenant at all, playing the loyalty card might help. could take a tough line on them your sole custom for a other issues as well, according period. As Penny Parr-Head to Mr Parr-Head. "If we have says, "Who will get the better service from an agency? The 100 people registered all over the place, or the 10 exclusive to that one agent?" At least Hamptons recently refused they might return your calls.

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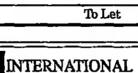
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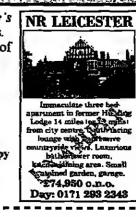
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# built the house myself

#### The option of self-build is increasingly attractive, reports Michael Holmes

hen Nigel and Lesley some huilding themselves. "The most tense time was a larger home, them decided in the most tense time was a larger most tense time was a larger most tense time." Kemp wanted a larger home, they decided to build it themselves. Having previously lived in a small property on the edge of an estate, they now the edge of an estate they now the now they now the now they now they now they now have a spacious, four-bedroom, detached house in a pretty Somerset village, Nigel, a teacher, and Lesley, a psychiatric nurse. found a plot through a local estate agent and designed their new says Leslie. "We have expansion home together, with help from a local building consultant.

"Most of our spare time over the last two years has been dedicated to it." says Nigel. "There are still a few things to do, but we are now at the end of what has been around 18,000 families chose to a very enjoyable experience. It has been hard work at times, but our decisions have been made together and there have been no major disagreements"

The couple employed local sub-

them £71,000 to huild, and their plot cost £41,000. The lender's market valuation of the property is £160,000. "We won't be going anywhere for a while, though, space in the roof for two further hedrooms and a bathroom - this place is designed for the future."

Self-build is proving an increasingly popular way to move up the housing ladder. Last year alone, design and build their own home. saving, on average. 15 to 20 per cent of their completed property's market value. The cost of a new home is reduced because the self-builder takes on the risk of enterprise norcontractors, and also carried out mally borne by a developer, cutting

out the developer's profit and the agrees Julian Owen. "However, building plot. This has recently cost of sales and marketing.

"Self-huild is by no means as straightforward as huying an exist-ing property," says Julian Owen, of Associated Self Build Architects (ASBA), a nationwide network of professionals established to help people build their own home. "But the pay-off includes the freedom to design an individual home, often on a more generous plot than found on new developments, together with the chance to cut costs even further

for those who are DIY-oriented." The potentially rich rewards of self-build lie at the end of an exciting, if stressful road; searching for and buying a building plot, designing the home, arranging planning and building consent. choosing the fixtures and fittings, appointing a builder and then seeing the project through. "It is a lot to take on for a busy working family,"

over recent years an industry has evolved around these needs. establishing a route that makes it. hard to go wrong."

Getting a mortgage on a house that does not yet exist has trad-itionally been difficult; so only those with sufficient funds to huy a plot outright could consider building an individual home. Today, a host of major lenders, including the Bradford & Bingley and Nationwide huilding societies, and Barclays Bank, will lend on land, while the TSB is able to advance up to 95 per cent of a plot's value and up to 95 per cent of the total building cost. Finance for construction, however, is still paid in arrears, so most self-

their project started. The starting-point for most such projects is the search for a suitable

huilders find they need a deposit of around 10 to 15 per cent to get

been made far easier by a nationwide database of land and renovation opportunities, "Details from estate agents, surveyors, developers and landowners are compiled into this single source, putting pri-

vate individuals on the same foot-

ing as many developers," says Gill Dawson, who runs the land-search service Plotfinder. "Anyone can register, and for the price of a three-minute premium-rate phone call we will send them a complete list of land and renovation opportunities in any three counties." Help and advice on design and

building are available from architects, surveyors, freelance homedesigners, project managers and specialist package companies. They will create a design that meets a household's needs and aspirations, as well as satisfying the requirements of the planners.

When it comes to construction,

self-builders can opt for as much or as little involvement as they want, with cost savings usually proportional to their own input. Many choose to appoint a local builder, or manage the project themselves employing local subcontractors. There are also architects and other project managers who will oversee the huild for a negotiable fee.

The Individual Homes Homebuilding & Renovating Show is at the NEC, Birmingham, 20-23 March. Entry: £7 - or ring the show's hotline on 0181-710 2186 for half-price tickets. More information about self-build homes is available from ASBA (0800 387310) or Plotfinder (0891 516526 - calls last about three minutes and cost 45p per minute cheap rate, 50p

at other times). Michael Holmes is editor of Individual Homes' magazine.

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## The DIY mortgage

p to 10 years ago, barely a handful of lenders were prepared to offer mortgages to people who wanted to build their own homes. Today, almost 30 lenders have specific arrangements for self-builders, while eight more are prepared to consider loans in specific cases. Among them are Bradford & Bingley. Nationwide, Alliance & Leicester, Skip ton, Bank of Scotland, Northern Rock, TSB and Bank of Ireland.

This easing of mortgage rules has indoubtedly helped tens of thousands of people who each year embark on the process of designing and building their own home. But the practice is not totally disinterested. As a spokeswoman for Nor-wich and Peterborough Building Society. which is very active in the market, explains: "People who build their own homes are among those with the greatest commitment to keeping their mortgages going. If you go to all that trouble, it takes

a lot to halt your mortgage payments."

So how does the system work? Basically. almost all lenders are prepared to offer their entire range of loans to borrowers whether fixed, discounted or at variable rates. In most cases, the loan available will cover up to 95 per cent of the final value of the property, including land purchase. The process involved in obtaining a

mortgage is detailed - probably far more so than for traditional borrowers. Lenders expect in-depth cost projections, timings, details of who the key builders will be and even their qualifications.

If a mortgage is agreed, payments are usually staggered into four or five stages. The first is often linked to the cost of the land, although many lenders will not lend money for this purpose.

MoneyFacts, a monthly finance guide, shows that more than half of lenders won't consider this. The rest will average between 75 and 80 per cent at this stage.

Thereafter, stage payments to builders will usually be at the footings/ground floor stage, when ground floor walls are up, when the first floor is completed and when the roof is on. The final stage is hased on a surveyor's final estimate of a property's value. Thereafter the self-huilder should be able to rectain VAT on the cert of rectain value. the cost of materials used on the home.

Before going to a lender, do your homework as to which one can meet your specific needs. MoneyFacts, Individual Homes and Self Build carry regular details of what is on offer.

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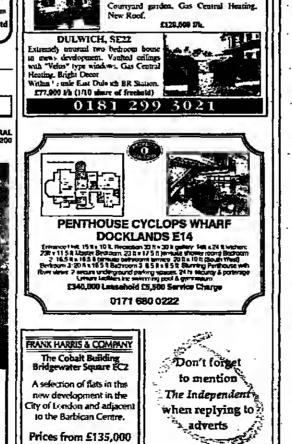


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an stock market investors learn anything from the way that market speculators such as George Soros behave? On the face of it, the answer has to be no. Investment and speculation, so conventional wisdom has it, are two distinct are distinct arts.

One is about the patient accumulation of wealth through careful selection of shares for the medium and longer term. Speculation, by contrast, is all about trading short-term possibilities, where what matters more than the intrinsic value of a share is its trading momentum and the state of market continuous and the state of market sentiment.

The game, as Keynes said, is aboot trying to guess what the rest of the players have - not what you. have yourself.

But doo't be fooled into thinking that the distinction is quite as clearcut as all that. Victor Niederhoffer, one of New York's best-known market traders, who has worked with Mr Soros for many years, wants us to know that investment, speculation and even gambling are York traders, is a poor boy from the all in fact "first cousins".



He quotes Ernest Cassel, the turn-of-the-century City financier who befriended Edward VIII and became a pillar of the financial Establishment: "Wheo I was young," recalled Cassel, "people called me a gambler. As the scale of my operations increased I of my operations increased, I became known as a speculator. Now I am called a hanker. But I

Mr Niederhoffer, like many New Bronx who has made good, and he may be on to something.

have been doing the same thing all

Stock markets are casinos but unwary gamblers may still win out

now wants to tell us how it was done. His thesis, born of 40-odd years of experience, is that investors can profitably learn from any walk of life where people make their livings out of staking money on risk and reward.

That means studying what happens at the race track and in the casino as much as poring over the financial pages of the newspapers. His book, Education of A Speculator, has already sold 100,000 copies in the United States, which suggests

It is a strange and diverting mixture, half autobiography, half eso-teric trading lore, thrown together in a way which suggests that Mr Niederhoffer's mind, like the uniis in a permanent state of Brown-

But although it may sound fanci-ful at first sight, what he has to say about horse-racing and the casinos is perfectly pertinent to the stock

As many professional investors will tell you, the mental discipline required to back horses and to trade in financial markets is very similar. It is all about managing money and making the right tradeoffs between risk and reward.

Mr Niederhoffer is at pains to emphasise the great importance of understanding the house "take" in any field of money-making. As even the most innumerate adult tends to know, the relentless "edge" that a casino has at roulette from paying out at 36 to 1 on what is a 37-1 bet will eventually grind even the wealthiest punter down.

In horse-racing, something like 20 per cent of the money that the punter wagers is eaten up in the various "takes" - 1ax, the bookies' Niederhoffer's mind, like the universe, and the stock market itself, means that the racegoer has to make 20 per cent on his money just to cover the various hidden costs.

What does this all mean for the stock market investor? Well, as Mr Niederhoffer points out, there is a "take" in the stock market too. comes in several forms. Some are visible, like the commission you have to pay a broker to huy and sell shares, or the upfront fee charged

by a unit trust group. Others, like the bid/offer spread. the difference between the price at which you can buy and sell a share or unit trust, are less immediately apparent, but just as important over the long term.

Then there is the Government.

which wants its pound of flesh in the form of income and capital gains tax.

Add it altogether and it can have a significant bearing on your invest-ment returns. The great beauty of against the most popular runners, for you.

the stock market, however, is that it is one of the few forms of moneymaking where the long-run return you stand to make - say 7-8 per cent after inflation - is sufficiently large to exceed the "take" you have to pay to take part.

That is one reason why equity investment is a suitable place for pension funds and widows and orphans to put their money. Although Keynes likened it to a casino. The stock market is one casino where gamhler's ruin does not necessarily await the unwary.

But note the word necessarily. If you huy and sell shares too actively, and do so unintelligently, it is

perfectly possible for the "take" to erode most of the returns you make, just as it does at the race track. This is where Mr Niederhoffer's tales from the racetrack and the card table are worth

The most successful punters are those who only het where they have a clear "edge"; they make

They are also shrewd enough to know that any simple betting strategy will only work for so long. Patterns always run in cycles, and there is no single Resetta Stone which holds the key to long-run

And so, although you may not need to read The Secrets of Professional Turf Betting by Robert L Bacon to find out (as Mr Niederhoffer suggests), it is with the stock market.

The morals for ordinary investors are clear. Don't trade 106 actively: it only enriches the

brokers and the market-makers.

Don't fullow the crowd too slavishly into popular stocks; they will

never be long-run winners.

Don't fall for simple rule-of-thumh investment adages: a strategy hased on picking the highest yielding shares will work well for a while, hui not for ever.

Look to put your maney into areas where you believe you have some "edge", and allow time and compound interest to do the rest

## Can gold be mined for profits?

Prices have been bubbling up recently. Rachel Fixsen considers the latest rush

o matter how splendidly equity markets may perform, even the most unsectimeotal investor will always find something alluring in the precious gleam of yellow

As if to encourage the cupidity of investors in this, the sexiest of metals, gold markets have been bubbling away in recent weeks, while bullioo

prices have heated op. Gold reached \$360 (£225) a troy ounce at the end of last week, up from \$337 a fortnight before, as buyers stopped worrying European ceotral hanks would offload their vast gold stocks on to the market. Small investors might now

he tempted into the action by huving the yellow metal. But you could burn your fingers by dipping in - unless you really pick your moment.

"It's better [at this price] than above \$400 ... but whenever small investors move in, it's too late and the smart money's already thinking of an exit route," warns Andy Smith, precious metals analyst at UBS, the Swiss banking group. Nigel Tooley, director of

the bullion department at auctioneers Spink, says: "It's a more cheaply, while hitherto question of getting in when the unknown gold deposits in price is low and getting out wheo it's high." You could have made a reasonable profit by buying gold a few weeks ago when it was £208 an ounce and

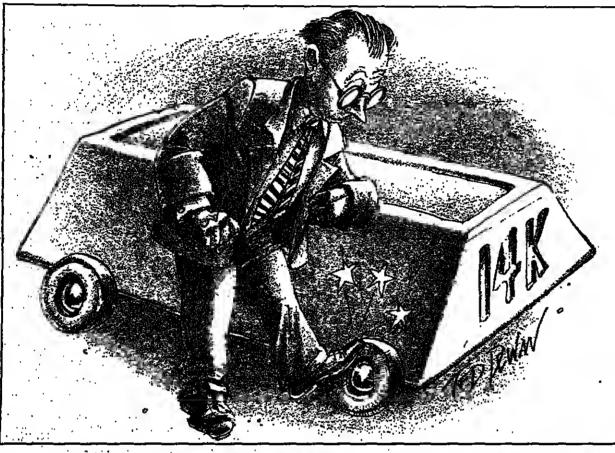
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Exploration funds are two high-risk unit trusts investing

investments for several reasons. Save & Prosper's investment director, Michael Ashbridge. says: "Gold has a fascination with certain investors ... it firms are increasingly able to

Eastern Europe are becoming Gold-based funds did badly in the past 12 months, with a £1,000 iovestment baving

selling it now at £223, he adds.

If you hope to join a gold fund and to £861.61 in Save & rush, consider shares of gold mining companies Ashanti; the same investment has made Kinross or Driefontein. Their healthy gains, standing at £3,086.85 and £2,321.47

in gold shares. People buy gold unit trust

need to hedge against currency devaluation has diminished. always has a very speculative bank gold to raise money to feel." But he adds that mining meet criteria for monetary get gold out of the ground

mooth or two it could bounce

- an asset to hold when others are depreciating. But few of

believe high inflation will be a thing of the past for Western economies as European Monetary Union approaches. And

Fears persist that European governments will sell central bank gold to raise money to union. The Dutch central hank compounded these worries sold 300 tonnes of gold from its reserves. Andy Smith at UBS predicts that in a year's time the gold price will have dropped, though in the next

1987 stock market crash gold prices rose. This year, warnings from Alan Greenspan, the head of the US Federal Reserve, that stock markets are overheated could spark a

similar spell of interest. Demand for gold jewellery reached record levels at the end of last year, according to

which monitors about 75 per cent of the gold market.

If you are looking for a good moment to buy, any December with no exchange controls, the could be it. January is traditionally a good time for physical gold demand, with people buying jewellery for Chinese New Year, the Indian wedding season and Ramadan, says Rhona O'Connell, analyst at brokers T Hoare & Co.

So these days gold is best as when it said in January it had a hedge or for cashiog in on a short-term bounce in the market price. Long-term it is as useless as stashing money under your mattress. Apart from short-term fluc-

But prospects for gold are not all had. Just before the 1987 stock market and the proce has stagnated over the past 10 years. Gold peaked at \$850 an ounce in 1980, but since the control of the proce has stagnated over the past 10 years. tuations, the price has stagever, as our table shows, the dollar gold price index is distinct from local curreocy prices; which may be higher because of local demand.

If you decide to buy physical gold, the path is strewn with obstacles. If you buy gold bars, you have to pay VAT on

deposit could cost you around I per cent of its value annually.

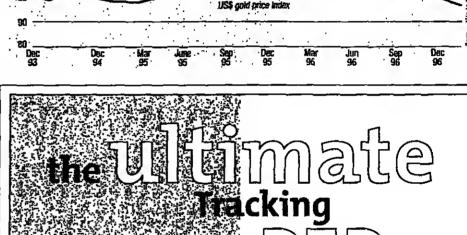
You can avoid paying VAT either by holding gold offshore, or buying krugerrands or sovereigns which are considered second hand and therefore not liable for VAT. Spink sells one-ounce Krugerrands at about £10 over the market price (0171-930 7888).

Platinum can be a better short-term investment than gold. "When prices go up, platinum moves much faster and further than gold," says Jeremy Coombes, marketing manager at bullion company Johnson Matthey. The platinum market is much smaller. with world production only a tenth that of gold.

Johnson Matthey (0171-269 8000) offers investors bars of platinum in various sizes. For example, you could buy a 10 gramme bar for around £100. Most customers leave their bars in store in Switzerland to avoid paying VAT.

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## Getting a profit on the table

The value of antique furniture is rising again. By John Windsor

You could be sitting on a good investment if you buy antique furniture

making the running in price, he reports. One that cost £500-the underside of the top.

The casting of brass claw-fect now. After stagnating for years, it has jumped in value by 14 per cent over the past year, outperforming both the equity and housing markets. Next week there will be furniture buying opportunities at the British Antique Dealers Association (Bada) fair in London. and at auctions that include a dining room sale at Bonhams.

The value of antique furniture will continue to rise at \$ per cent a year, according to John Andrews, who calculated the 29th annual furniture price index for the Antique Collectors Club.

The spurt in prices has been caused by the upturn in the housing market. Mr Andrews says: "We thought the wild fluctuations of the Eighties were over - but here we go

Mahogany dining tables of the Regency, William IV and

£600 less than a decade ago would now cost £2,000-£3,000. The cheapest is not necessarily the best investment. He advises: "Buy the best you can afford -£3,000-£5,000 will buy a dining

table with sustainable value."

You do not need the eye of a connoisseur to spot finely crafted antique tables. The most visible clue is the "reeding" - the parallel fluted chamfers that decorate table and chair legs and the edges of tables. It is smooth if machine made but there will be rough cuts on corners if a v-shaped chisel hlade has been used.

Grime - or, more politely, patina – indicates age and is worth money. The wood should have rich "figuring" – the pattern made by the grain - and rich colour. It should not have been re-polished.

When buying tables, look for good weight - a generous plank of mahogany for the early Victorian periods are top, a sturdy block at the top

The casting of brass claw-feet should be detailed, not

botched. Avoid mended chairs. At Bonhams' dining room sale on Tuesday, furniture specialist David Higgs has raised pre-sale estimates by about 25 per cent compared with last year - hut there is still enough

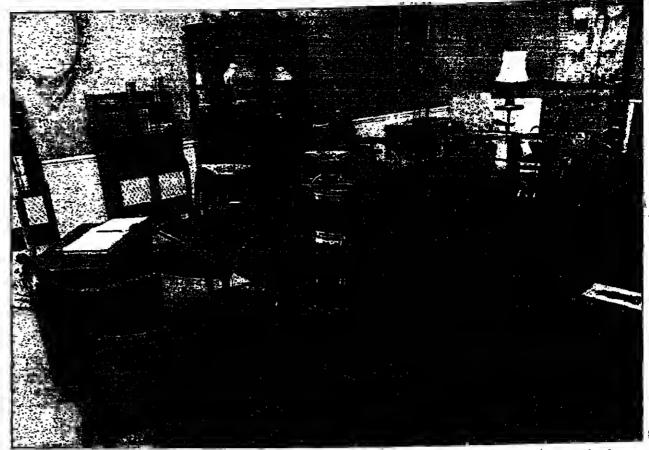
demand to push prices higher. Breakfast tables - more suitable for smaller dinner parties and, oddly enough, originally known as supper tables - are being fought over. Chairs are scarcer than tables, especially "longer" sets of over six. In the same sale is a set of six early Victorian dining chairs with curved "tablet" horizontal top

rails: estimate £1,000-£1,500. Estimates for tables in the sale are typically £1,200-£1,800. At Christie's South Kensington's furniture sale next week. estimates for Victorian extendible tables are in the £1,500-£2,500 range and sets of six late Victorian chairs from £800.

the recession rather well: the Antique Collectors Chub index shows a peak index of 3,265 in 1989, dropping to a low of 2.529 last year. it is now 2,976.

Stewart Whittington, of the furniture dealers Norman Adams, an exhibitor at the Bada fair, emphasises the staying power of the market. "Furniture is the last thing people sell," he says. "You're really bust when you sell your furniture."

Bada Antiques Fair, The Duke of York's Headquarters, Cheltenham Terrace, London SW3, 12-18 March, entry £10 (0171-589 6108): Bonhams Knightsbridge dining room sale. Tuesday, 2pm (0171-393 3900): Bonhams weekly sales: Lots Road Chelsea, alternately Wednesdays. 1pm and Tues-days, noon (0171-393 3937); Christie's South Kensington weekly sales, Wednesdays, 10.30am (0171-581 7611); Lots Road Galleries weekly sale, Mondays, opm (0171-351 7771)



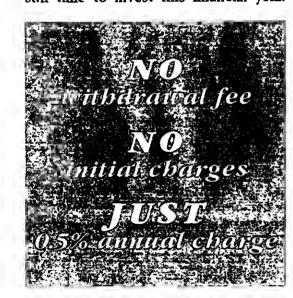
Sitting pretty: at Peter Lipitch's shop in Fulham Road, west London - a Regency mahogany pillar table priced £32,500 that will not be going to the Bada fair. Tables this size, 11ft long, are too big for the stands

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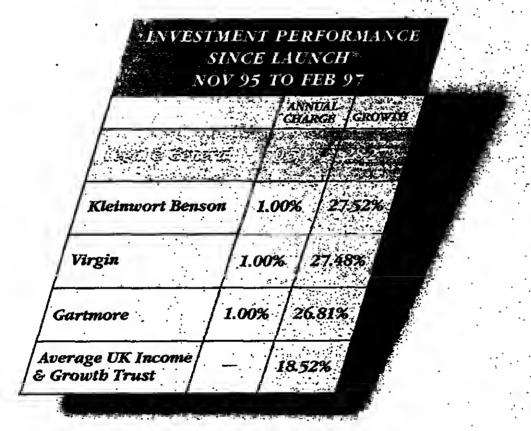
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described the Government's new proposals to privatise the basic state pension as "not an election-winner". Loath as I am to agree with the Prime Minister, I suspect he is right on this one.

When the current genera-tion of taxpayers realise what they may be required to pay in return for a series of guesstimated savings in 45 years' time, they may find even less reason to vote Conservative than they might have.

There is no question that state pensions need reforming. For more than 15 years, the dream of an adequate : state-funded retirement has been whittled away.

In 1980, it was possible to dream of a pension that might equal 45 per cent of average earnings. Today, state retirement payouts will barely make 25 per cent for a small minority, and this will tumble over the next 30 years.

So, we need to reform the system. But privatisation? Peter Lilley, the Social Security Minister, paints a sunny picture 50 years hence, when today's teenagers can retire on pensions worth .

Paying tax to fund decent pensions is a burden we should bear

£175 a week. Most of this will be paid for by minor but continuing improvements in economic growth over the same period.

What happens if that economic growth is not forthcoming and we face a repeat of the recessions in the 1970s and 1980s? Could any government guarantee it can pay £9 a week into young people's personal pensions? And what if investment performance does not match expectations: who funds the guaranteed minimum pension? Actually, we will. In fact, we will be paying up to £7bn a year extra until the hoped-for benefits kick in in 2040.

So, what is the answer? Ultimately, I believe there is no alternative but to accept that one of our society's obligations is to pay its elderly population enough for them not to live in penury. Such an obligation may mean higher taxes for some people. But it is better than relying

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suppose we should not be too surprised that the largest company quoted on the London Stock Exchange in terms of market capitalisation is now a bank. HSBC assumed top spot this year as the shares ploughed ahead reflecting sharply higher profits – helped by a strong performance from its Midland Bank subsidiary. Of course, there are those who point to the fact that HSBC is not really a British bank at

all. It is The Bank in Hong Kong. But it is probably the truest global player in the financial community that can claim to be a British company. It is remarkable how the banking sector has assumed



stock market terms. Already the value of bank shares quoted in London accounts for more than 10 per cent of the value of all shares listed. Soon this will increase still further, with the demuticalisation of Halifax, Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Northern Rock.

Shares in the financial sector are very bankable assets at the moment

The result season just ended suggests the banks are baving a pretty good time of it. Cynics, particularly those with long memories, will be concerned that the cyclical nature of these businesses bas not ended. This may turn out to be to be less important. First of all there are the

technological developments within banks. Staff are vanishing fast in this industry.

Then there is the broadening of the range of financial services offered by banks. This lessens the dependence upon the strength of the economy and the level of interest rates in terms of determining profits. While retailers in particular look like getting in on the bank-ing act, they are still obliged to buy in a lot of expertise from established players. Is it too late to fill your

boots with bank shares? Well, at 10 per cent plus of the market, no self-respecting portfolio sbould be without one. The introduction of all these new players may

even push shares still higher. Simon Knott, our own banking guru on the investment management side, fancies Abbey National and Bank of Scotland, Abbey National has been pushing hard into associated financial services and is far more com-

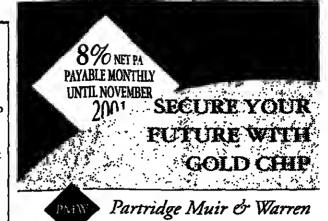
mitted to the retail sector. rather than the more volatile - in profit terms - commercial sector. Bank of Scotland has delivered an impressive profits and price performance. It could fall prey to a predator, perhaps from overseas and the recent wobble in its share price, due to problems in Australia, has presented a good buying opportunity. Our own institutional team

(using just a little poetic

licence) agree - and add to the list Lloyds TSB, where benefits from the integration and rationalisation of the two core businesses should allow further profit enhancement. Indeed, only NatWest seems out of favour - amazing what a careless trader can do.

One thing is sadly lacking among bank shares though: issuing shareholder perks. Perhaps a cheaper overdraft or lower bank charges might prove a further incentive. Meantime, the UK's largest index classification is a must for all serious investors.

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## Realising capital without being taxed

#### Share payouts can herald the taxman's advent

NAME: David and Yvonne independent financial advisers, count is with Woolwich and

such a significant presence in

DATES OF BIRTH: 7-6-1966 and 2-9-1963 respectively OCCUPATIONS: Manager/

BACKGROUND: David and Yvonne live near Cambridge and have two young children, Lauren, aged four, and William, who will be one in May. David earns £33,500 and has a company pension scheme through his employer, which also provides death in service and a widows benefit.

Using the Save As Yon Earn share option scheme at his workplace. David bas built up quite a substantial nest egg, the first tranche of which can be exercised this September. However, there are tax implications to share option schemes and the two other schemes be has cannot be exercised for a few years. Yvonne works one day a week, which brings in a small salary to belp with general living expenses.

They have moved bouse a number of times and are in the throes of completing their latest move. They have a large mortgage of approximately £100,000. They have very little money in the building society and David has a personal accident policy.

rather exposed with their high level of debt at the moment. They also want to ensure they are making the most of their pension arrangements and are building society and to start a longer-term savings plan to help with Lauren's and William's education at university. They have both made wills.

THE ADVISER: Tim Cockerill. investment director of Whitechurch Securities, a firm of based in Bristol.

THE ADVICE: The key to achieving David's and Yvonne's objectives is through reducing their mortgage. As they have no spare money in the building society their only route to do this is through the share option scheme.

they will have in the order of £34,000, but if they were to realise all of that money they would face a capital gains tax bill of approximately £5,000.

In order to minimise their liability to tax David should look to gift to Yvonne the maximum number of shares possible at the time the scheme is exercised to enable her to use her capital gains exemption, which will be £6,500.

David can obviously use his exemption in the same way. In addition, he can transfer £3,000 from the share option scheme into a single-company PEP and that would then allow him to raise money free of taxation. As a rough estimate (because of fluctuating share prices) they will have approximately £20,000 that they could

use to reduce their mortgage. In reducing their mortgage ular savings PEP with a view to THE PROBLEM: David and they would then reduce their this being a long-term invest-Yvonne want to reduce their monthly payments by some ment for the education of their mortgage because they feel thing in the order of £120. children. The PEP is tax free However, my recommendation would be to reduce the mortgage by £16,000 and retain the balance of £4,000 in their building society to act as a ooking to build up a sum in the buffer against unforeseen expenses. This would still reduce their monthly payments

by about £100. The alternative is to use all of

the money to reduce the mortcan be juggied several ways.

Their building society ac- and a telephone number

they will benefit from free sold and the money held in the shares which in turn could be building society account.

However, there is a tax implication and transferring these into a general PEP should be considered. This buffer is very important because if they need any money at short notice they In September, when the first could sell the shares without tranche of David's share capital gains tax liabilities. They options becomes available have 42 days from receipt of the shares to do this.

Having reduced their outgoings they could then use the additional money in a number of alternative areas. David needs to ascertain bow much Investment for the future: the Richards family additional contribution he can make to his pension fund and while I would not recommend a commitment to further funding of his pension scheme at this stage, because finances are pushed to the limit, it is important to know exactly where you stand. Yvonne is only earning £2,500 per annum, and again I would not recommend a pen-

sion contribution at this stage. They should consider a further £100,000 of life cover as Yvonne does not have any and because of their mortgage.

Finally, any spare money they bave at the end of the month could be put into a reg-ular savings PEP with a view to and it is flexible in that you can increase, decrease or stop contributions and start them without penalty. They are obviously longer-term investments but well worth considering.

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## Changes that will affect us all

#### Nic Cicutti on plans to reform the state pension system

Why is the Government The original aim had been funded pension system, run by resist a bite out of people's reforming the state pension that the basic state pension the private sector. The per-retirement income in 40 years'

The number of people of pen- years' earnings for a maxi- better payout at retirement. sionable age will rise from 8.9 million in 1991 to 13.5 million by 2030. Meanwhile, there will be a falling proportion of peo- Serps becomes payable next ple in work to support them.

How are pensions affected? The state pension scheme. funded by National Insurance age wage. This will fall to about 20 per cent by 2020. As-You-Go system. We pay for those who are already retired. In turn, we hope our pensions will be met by future NICs. If fewer people are in work, it costs more to fund pensions. This either means higher taxes or smaller pensions.

What is the Government

doine? Over the past 15 years, the Government has cut the real value of state pensions. This has mainly been done by linking benefits to inflation rather than earnings, which rise faster. The change has been applied to the state pension and to the State Earnings-Related Pension scheme (Serps), introduced by Labour

wage. When the maximum duced, it is likely that the maximum state pension will be about 35 per cent of the aver-

The Government has encouraged people to opt out of Serps by paying generous come under the new regime in the next five years. pension schemes or personal

What is the latest change? Peter Lilley, Social Security Minister, is proposing to abolrebate of 5 per cent of earnings into people's personal pensions instead.

basic state pension, now worth about £61 a week, replacing it with a guaranteed £9-a-week payment into a personal pension while people are in work.

plus Serps, which requires 20 sonal pension would give a time, when memories of mum payout, would make up claims Mr Lilley. If a fund to 45 per cent of an average underperformed, the state guarantees a minimum pension. Meanwhile, be hopes to year, 20 years after being intro- cut the state's pension bill by £40bn to £10bn or so by 2040.

late 20s would continue as £160m a year, reaching £7bn now. Those affected are today's teenagers, who would

Is there anything wrong with the proposal? There could be. One must

wonder wbether anyone can guarantee to meet a promise ish Serps and pay a flat-rate to pay £9 a week forever into a youngster's pension plan. Second, Mr Lilley has said

the scheme will pay for itself He also wants to scrap the because payments into personal pensions won't receive tax relief as they do at present - although the pensions themselves won't be taxed, he The theory is that by doing pensions aren't taxed at the so, we will move away from moment. And which cash-Pay-As-You-Go towards a pre-strapped Government could

today's promises have faded?

affected and I'm not, what

of us will be in the area of public finance. In other words taxes. The DSS claims the cost Probably not. People in their of the changes will rise by by 2040. It hopes the extra bill will be paid by better economic performance. But if something goes wrong, today's taxpayers will end up paying for those already retired, for their own retirement, plus the retirement of those younger than

Will these proposals ever see the light of day? Highly unlikely, unless a miracle puts John Major back into 10 Downing Street. Their main effect, however, has been to focus attention on the issue. Labour's knee-jerk hostility to the plan is only the beginning promises. But minimum state of what should be a much more serious debate over the future funding of state

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#### John Whiting assesses the benefits of company cars as eco-friendly policies tax drivers

his article is about transportation. No, not the relative merits of fleeing the country as a tax avoidance measure. Instead, we will look at the impact of tax on transport.

The Government has reminded us that if we prefer the comfort of a car to an overcrowded public transport system, our tax bills are going to increase. Car users are an acceptable target for Government tax increases like smokers, we know we should try harder to do witbout and accept paying a bit extra for the "pleasure".

And yet the car remains a widely used employee benefit - so, with cash now frequently offered as an alternative can you be sure that you're getting your money's worth out of a company car? And what other transport

falls into the taxman's grasp? For those with a company car, the basic taxable benefit is calculated as 35 per cent of the list price of the car, including VAT, plus the cost of any extras. This benefit figure is reduced by a third if the business mileage (which doesn't include home to work travel, of course) is

between 2,500 and 18,000 miles in a tax year, and by two thirds if it is over 18.000. The resulting figure can then be reduced by another third if the car is more than four years old at the tax year-end.

If your employer also pays for your private fuel there is a fixed fuel benefit dependent on the size of the engine - so it may be worth considering a nippy 1.4 litre car rather than a gasguzzling 3 litre. This flat rate applies for any amount of private fuel received in the year - so check whether you should pay back the entire cost of any private fuel, particularly if you do low mileage. On the other hand, a 40 per cent taxpayer with a

big car only bas to use more than £11.50 worth of private fuel per week in the coming year to make it a benefit worth having. It is perhaps indicative of the Government's view on company cars that private fuel benefit saw a 12.5 per cent rise in the Budget

So is it worth baving a company car or should you just take the cash alternative and hop on your bike? They still have their attractions -

even a high taxable benefit is arguably worth it for the liberation from the hassle of insurance, repairs and road tax. And while the fuel tax benefit is increasing, it is still a valuable perk in the right circumstances.

Those without a company car, but who use their own car for business travel can look to the Fixed Profit Car Scheme. This is an attempt to do away with the detailed claims for business mileage in a private car. Any reimbursement made to you will not be taxable as a benefit . providing it is within Inland Revenue designated limits as an example, 35p per mile for a 1500cc car. (The figures always get lower once you have claimed for over 4,000 miles in a year.) Nowadays, if your employer pays you less than these designated amounts for business mileage you can claim the difference as a deduction from your taxable income.

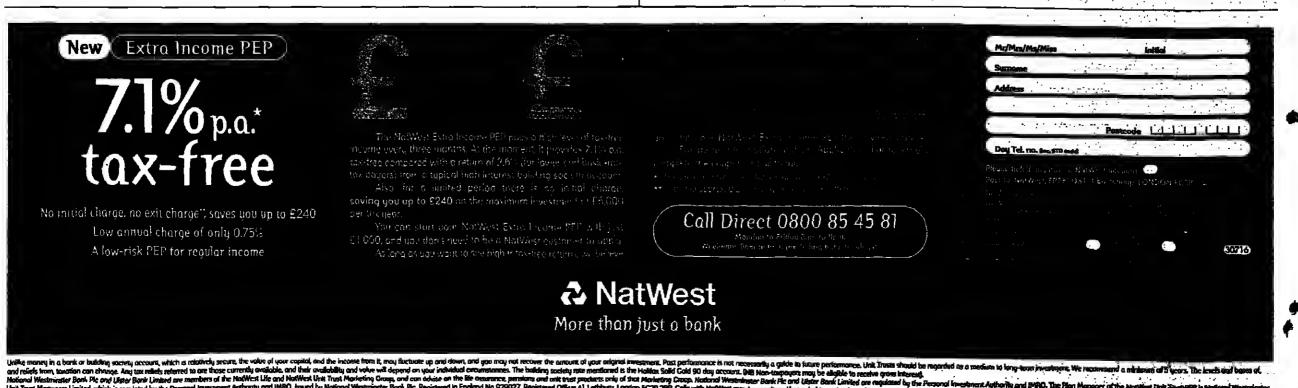
What about other types of business travel? Most of it will be for business purposes, with no benefit resulting. But if your company pays for a flight to Australia and the only business purpose is a couple of drinks with your colleagues in the Sydney office you may run into tax problems as well as jet lag.

There are still those who take a break from the bectic corporate whirl to use transport for pleasure. Again the car is under attack from the taxman with rising petrol costs (up 14p per gallon in 1997/98) and increases in vehicle excise duty.

Then there is the doubling of Air Passenger Duty from 1 November - £10 within Europe and £20 outside plus a rise in Insurance Premium Tax to 4 per cent on sales of travel insurance. This can go up to 17.5 per cent if the insurance is bought with your travel

package.
A change of Government might bring added pressures, with higher car benefits taxes, more eco-friendly measures generally and tax on the provision of car parking spaces by the office. Might we see chief executives being chauffeured by tandem to their city offices?

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### investment

# A yen to get into Japan?

# Choosing the right sector is the secret to picking funds, writes Simon Read

ence but investors can reduce the odds to their benefit by picking funds which are likely to meet their investment goals. There are more than 1,500 unit trusts to choose from, for instance, but the choice can be cut by picking a fund in its sector over one year. At the

Funds are classified in 24 different sectors, which are defined by the industry's trade body, the Association of Unit Trust and Investment Funds (Airtif). Within some sectors there may be just a handful of funds, while others fund management houses? A lot consist of hundreds.

similar investment activity or areas of operation - for example investing in fixed-income stock or companies in the Far East.

The two most popular sectors those attracting most investment - in recent months are UK Gilt and Fixed Interest, and UK Growth and Income while the two least popular are Japan and North America, Unsurprisingly, the most popular sectors tend to be better performers while the poor performers are the least sought-after. There are wide variations in the performance and potential investors would be wise. to do a lot of homework before

handing over their cash. . To illustrate this we can look at two different fuod managers which be of lesser importance." each have top-performing funds in Not surprisingly, Schroder's record which offer the prospect of the top-performing sector - UK Smaller Companies fund has above-average capital growth."

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avestment is not an exact sci- worst performing sector - Japan. The Gartmore UK Smaller Companies fund is the top performer over one and three years. other end of the scale Gartmore's Japan fund is 78th out of 90 in its sector over one year, while the Schroder Japanese Enterprise fund is 86th out of 90.

So, why is there such a difference between funds from the same is to do with market and economic. All the funds in a sector have conditions, of course. The UK has benefited from that.

Meanwhile Japan has been going through very tough economic times. At the turn of the decade the positions were almostexactly reversed.

But to understand the differences between the four funds in the two different sectors, you need to look at their individual investmeot objectives. Gartmore's UK Smaller Companies fund "is designed to provide investors with above average capital growth from a portiolio of carefully selected shares of smaller companies quoted on the UK stock market. The income yield is considered to



been going through a period of Changing its tune: Japan has had a tough economic time but is recovering Photograph: Reuters recovery and small firms have

through investment in UK smaller But this is in response to a sługgish companies. The fund will invest in smaller companies with the prospect of above-average growth potential. Income is of secondary

Compare that with the stated objective of the Schroder Japanese Enterprise fund: "To achieve capital growth through investment in Japanese companies. The fund will follow a highly active invest-ment policy with emphasis being placed on aggressive switching between sectors and a concentrated approach to stock selection. The relatively small oumber of stocks beld will be in established Japanese companies with a proven

the worst-performing funds in the "To achieve capital growth investing going on there, clearly. nies sector is currently a high-flyer. geotly getting better."

market where aggressiveoess is practically the only way to make money. The Gartmore Japan fund adopts a similar approach: "The fund is designed to provide investors with long-term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio of investments in Japan. The income yield is considered to been plenty of profits to be made in the country in the past.

likely to be minimal." The key words are "actively managed". Looking a little closer at sectors can reveal much, and is however. While t

be of secondary importance and is

it basn't always been so, and bistory is littered with investors who've lost almost everything backing the potential of small firms. Conversely while Japan is bottom of the pile oow, it wasn't always the case and there have

Now could be a good time to be thinking about getting into Japan. according to John Kelly, investment director at Barclays Unicorn, whose Japan fund is among the worst six performers of all funds a particularly useful way of find-ing a match for your own invest-ment strategy. Choosing sectors

over five years. "We are optimistic about Japan," he says. "After a very extended period of adjustsimply on the basis of historical meot, it is coming right. Japan had information could be a mistake, a period of excess growth and has to adjust to that. The pace of

## An investment you can trust in

Ken Welsby charts the history behind managed funds

ext time you see a report about rail privatisation. remember that it was the fortunes made and lost in last century's "railway mania" that led directly to the birth and growth of the fund management industry. Stock market speculation -

mainly in railways, but also in what we would oow call emerging markets - reached fever pitch in the 1840s and 1850s. And like most such bubbles, it duly burst, leaving investors ruined and angry.

In response, a group of City financiers decided on a oew and more responsible approach to investment, and in 1862 the Foreign & Colooial Government Trust was formed to invest in a portfolio of overseas government stock

Foreign & Colonial is still very much in business today - as a fund management group which looks after £26.7bo of people's savings. And as its chief executive, the Hon James Ogilvy, points out: "Many of the countries in which we invested more than 100 years ago are couotries in which we still invest today.

"In those days, of course, the investment was fixed-interest stock, rather than sbares - but if you look at our portfolio from the 1880s you can see countries such as Colombia, Egypt, Turkey and India – places which are oow fashiooable

as emerging markets." The hallmark of the early F&C Trust was diversification - reducing risk by spreading investment rather than concentrating oo a few stocks

and that is still the main reason to invest in managed funds today.

The early fund management vehicles were mostly investment trusts. These are companies in which you invest by buying shares in the same way as investing in any other kind of company. The only difference is that instead of making widgets, their sole business is investing in other businesses - and today their combined assets are worth more than £50bn.

Then, in the 1930s, along came the Municipal and General, an investment company which imported an American idea into Britain: the mutual fund. Or, as we the unit trust.

After a slow start, the idea took off in post-war years and now accounts for some £120bn in long-

term savings.
At the outset, Municipal and General had just a few hundred investors. Today, known as M&G, its unit trusts are owned by more than 800,000 people and its total

funds are worth more than £15bn. Several of the big names in fund management are now part of high street banking groups. Gartmore, one of the top five

investment managers – savings and pensions worth £51bn – was acquired by NatWest last year. It now forms part of the bank's wealth management group alongside NatWest Life and Courts, the private bank.

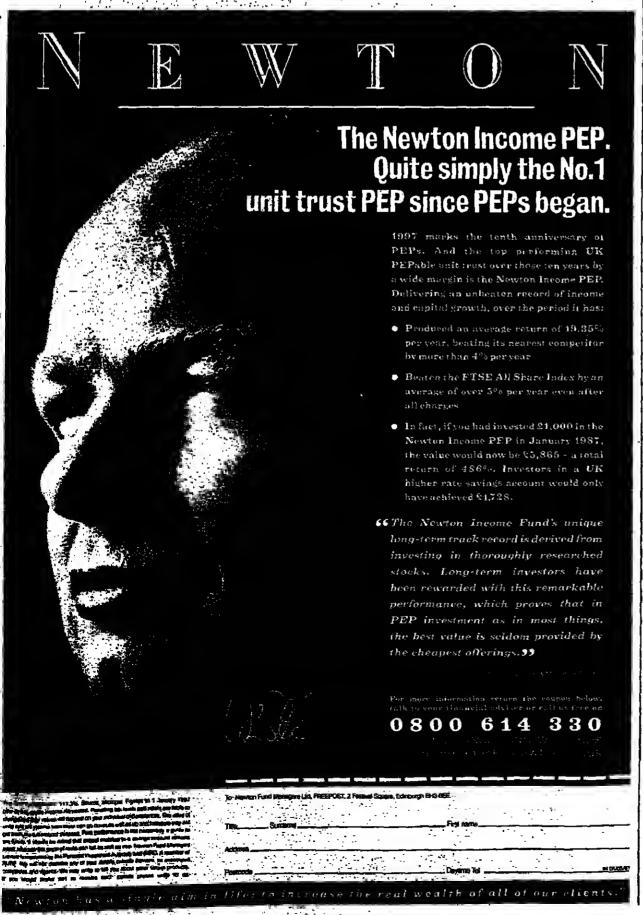
Similarly, customers of Lloyds Bank who want to keep their longterm savings within the group need look no further than Hill Samuel Asset Management. Since it sells mainly through independent finan-cial advisers, HSAM is less well known than some of its competitors, but its funds include the Hill Samuel Emerging Companies unit trust, which has been the top-per-

former over the past five years. Some of the most successful fund management businesses have been spin-offs from old-established City houses. Guinness Flight which this week announced plans to merge its fund management business with that of Hambros began as the mutual fund arm of Guinness Mahon, a merchant bank

with its roots dating back to 1836.

Although Guinness Flight is not in the hig league of fund managers—assets of "only" £2bo—it is highly regarded for its performance and innovation, thanks to a small, specialist team led by the two founders and joint managing directors, How-ard Flight and Timothy Guinness.

In recent years fund managers' ranks have been joined by a oum-ber of newcomers, of which the best-known is uodoubtedly Virgin. In just two years, Virgin Direct has attracted more than 100,000 customers and £500m into its managed PEPs, marketed on the brand name, strong performance and low beachmark for the industry.



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## Splash out overseas

Almost 20 per cent of potential investors say reports on the Labour government is making them steer clear of personal equity plans (PEPs), according

Around 1.8 million people said they were likely to invest in a 1996/97 PEP hefore the deadline, but a sizeable minority remained worried by Labour, according to a poli carried out for Templeton Investment Management.

overseas. That doesn't mean investment opportunities. tial of high returns by investing in foreign markets.

#### reports on the best ways to invest abroad

go into what are known as nonqualifying investments - those outside the European Union. This means the exciting world of global markets, from estab-Investors nervous about the ica and Japan to emerging election and its possible con- areas such as Malaysia and sequences could start investing Latin America, is available for

putting cash in dodgy tax shel-ters, but looking at the potenoverseas investment, however, you must invest your £1,500 in Admittedly, you need to be countries with stock exchanges a little more adventurous in which are recognised by the your investment outlook, but if Inland Revenue. This means you've already got a portfolio that countries such as Brazil of a reasonable size then it and Mexico are in, while Chile

stand. These days it's easy to has frequently been measured add some extra spice to your in hundreds or even thou-PEP portfolio by using your non-qualifying investments allowance.

have set up package deals for you to get abroad easily. Of course, you don't have to limit yourself to investing in funds within a PEP. The returns on an investment in an overseas unit trust could far outweigh the lost tax benefits of not being able to shelter your investment in a PEP.

Picking an overseas market is a difficult choice. If you think political conditions in the UK are turbulent, look at Latin America. One of the world's traditional political bot spots, the continent is famed for dictatorships, revolutions and internal strife - and often the only financial certainty is

that corruption is rife. makes sense to diversify and China are out.

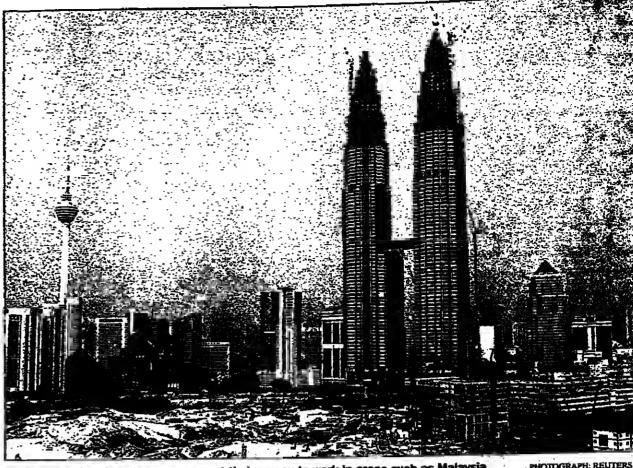
It is a background which has shores without exploring the shores without exploring the wider world of investment It is a background which has general PEP, up to £1,500 can — to stick to markets you under- — past—three decades, inflation — opportunities.

sands of percentage points.

It is not an area for the nervous investor. On the other Several providers, includ-ing Fidelity, GT and Prolific, to miss out on the potential. An international growth fund could give you exposure in many different international markets. There are around from which to choose.

The top performers over five years are Prolific Technology, Save & Prosper Growth, and Britannia International Special Opportunities. Two of these funds are specialist funds which require a greater degree of confidence. But most fund managers will have a general fund investing in international growth.

Of course, you could go closer to home and just look at European opportunities. But it would seem to shame to



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## It's time for a PEP talk

Top 10	Unit	Trusts
Hill Sam UK Emerging Cos	240.72	UK Smaller Companies
Jupiter Income -	226.16	UK Equity Income
Old Mutual European	215.82	Еигоре
Jupiter European	213.35	Europe
BWD UK Smaller Co's	202.37	UK Smaller Companies
INVESCO European Growth	194.89	Europe
Thornton UK Smaller Cos	191.78	UK Smaller Companies
Fidelity Recovery	184.11	UK Growth
Henderson European Value	183.60	Europe
Jupiter UK Growth	180.58	UK Growth
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These plans must be organised by 5 April, warns Neil Baker

With the end of the tax year looming, time is from overseas share markets. You can put only £1,500 of

personal equity plan (PEP). Each year every adult is allowed to invest up to £9,000 through a PEP, which means any money you make comes free of income tax or capital gains tax. Up to £6,000 can be put into a general PEP and the remaining £3,000 can be invested in a single-company PEP, which invests in the shares of just one company.

If you don't make use of your PEP allowance, you can't carry it over into the following tax year. Also, you can't put any more money in once the tax year has finished, although any income your PEP generates can be reinvested.

The structure is flexible. All PEPs have to be organised by a plan manager approved by the Inland Revenue. With some PEPs that manager will make all the investment decisions while with others you can phone the manager np and tell im or her which shares to buy and which ones to sell. It depends on how highly you rate your investment skills and how much time you have.

With the most common type of plan the manager will put your money into one or more unit or investment trusts. These are collective vehicles which pool investors' money to buy shares.

Different unit trusts are managed to achieve different aims - they might go for good capital growth, high income, focus ou small companies or just make sure they own all of the shares in the FTSE 100. Most PEP managers will be able to put your money into a few different types of fund.

Some trusts are designated non-qualifying funds because they have more than 50 per cent of their assets invested outside the UK or 125888 ar by filling in the European Union. They are coupon below. Copies will take popular with investors who about 10 days to arrive.

funds. The remaining £4,500 can go into a regular qualifying fund but the investment must be made by the same PEP plan manager.

Other PEPs don't invest in equities at all. So-called corporate-bond PEPs invest in debt certificates and preference shares issued by companies. These are generally generate income, not build up their capital. Tracker-fund PEPs, such as the one recently offered by GA Life, will try to mirror the performance of the FTSE 100 share index, or a combination of other indices, including the S&P 500 in the United States.

If you want to make use of your allowance this year, your money must be paid over by the end of the tax year on 5 April. It is not enough to simply agree to pay the money. Because this year 5 April is a Saturday, there is even less time available than normal.

But investing in a PEP is a serious business which shouldn't be rushed into at the last minute, especially for firsttime investors. The undoubted tax advantages of a PEP account for nothing if, in the pre-election and pre-5 April panic, you invest in the wrong fund, which then falls through the floor. There are a lot of different PEPs available and all the options should be considered, including fund management charges. As a rule of thumb, more than 5 per cent initial charges, or annual management fees higher than 1.5

per cent, are too much. duced a free guide to PEPs. The 32-page guide, sponsored by GA Life, a leading life insurer, is available by calling 0500

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## The people with billions at their fingertips

#### Three fund managers explain what they look for when selecting stocks

Abtrust

The City has a reputation as a . simply get on with their jobs -. community dominated by men and firmly in this category must go beyond simply looking in grey suits. It is a reputation comes Radhika Ajmera, who at a company's financial track that's finally starting to change and fund management is agers covering en one area where the pace of kets at Abtrust. change has been faster than most, writes Ken Welsby.

fund management depends on performance, rather than the elsewhere. Today it's a more old boys' network and increas- hroadly based fund manageing numbers of women are ment group with a strong carving out successful careers international bias and partic-

in the industry. A few of them, that emphasis on emerging like "supermum" Nicola Hor- markets. lick, make headlines. Most leads a team of 10 fund managers covering emerging mar-

· The company began life as That's because success in Century Scottish colonial development in Canada and

talk with the people and see the business for ourselves. "Whenever possible we want to visit the plant or facilities, not simply meet the management. We never invest in a company which we haven't visited and last year, between the 10 of us, we visited more

than 1,000 companies in dif-ferent parts of the world." In addition to her team nanagement role, her individual responsibilities include the Turkey Trust, an investment trust which invests in shares listed on the Istanbul

Investing in emerging mar-

kets means fund managers

record. "Company visits are essential," says Ms Ajmera.

"Accounting standards vary so widely that we have to go

behind the figures, meet and

Stock Exchange. It's a market which has experienced some uncertainty over the years, but one which has recently rallied sharply as legal hurdles to the government's privatisation programme have been overcome.

Although Ms Ajmera has a demanding joh, she insists on finding time for "real life" away from work: "You know what they say about all work and no play - it would not be a life. It would just he existence."

**Richard Hughes** 

Former chancellor Nigel Lawson has come in for criticism for taking a reported £250,000 for promoting M&G PEPs and some people say they have been put off invest-ing with the company because they don't trust him, writes Simon Read.

But allowing such preju-dices to cloud their judgement could be a mistake. For behind, the slimmer, new-look Lord Lawson you'll find a team of committed fund managers.

Typical is Richard Hughes, head of UK equities, who looks after M&G's £1.4bn Recovery Fund. The 39-yearold former local authority accountant has been with M&G for 10 years, and is only the second manager of the fund in its 28-year life.

He deals in what are often called "turnsround stocks" companies which may have experienced a fall in profits or change of management and which are in a state of flux.







amble: Radhika Ajmera, Richard Hughes (centre) and Andrew Jackson are aware of the risks involved with their investments

"What I'm looking for is the quality of the underlying husiness and the potential for the future," he says.

Mr Hughes' expertise has led him to invest in several winners for his 140,000 unitholders, Take Midland Bank. for instance: "We bought a big holding throughout the late 1980s and early 1990s which was disappointing to hegin with. But when the bids for the bank came in from Lloyds and HSBC Holdings, the stock turned out to be a wonderful investment."

Other recent highlights

house and Burtons, "These are all household names which anyone could have invested in," explains Mr Hughes, "But

the trick is to identify where there's a real possibility of a turnaround. Our average length of holding is over five years, which gives time for the stock market to recognise the recovery of the stock." Andrew Jackson

Hill Samuel

Running the £218m Hill Samuel Emerging Companies

include Granada. Asda. Store- unit trust and its companion investment trust has given over the long term." he says. Andrew Jackson a lot of pleasure since he took the joh last May, writes Tony Lyons.

> This top-performing fund specialises in smaller companies and has a clear investment strategy which starts with a "top down" look at the economy to highlight the likely top performing sectors,

Once this is decided. Mr Jackson and his ream do their own research to pick companies which they think will do well over the long term. "We are looking for those

Small company investment about capital growth." Originally, the unit trust invested in companies with a

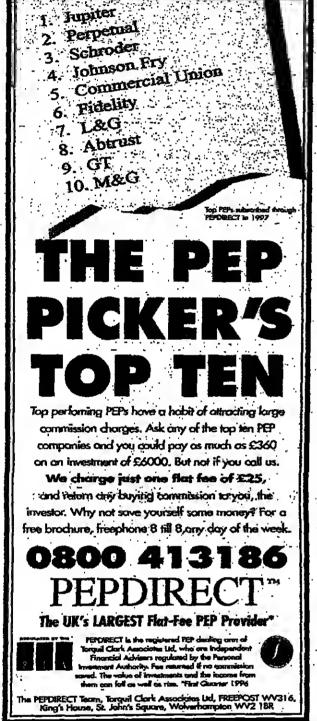
market capitalisation of under £50m, but as the fund got larger, it found it difficult to find stocks it wanted to buy. Today, it looks at companies under £250m.

The investment strategy tells the team that 1997 will see a continuation of last year's consumer boom, fuelled by huilding society demutualisations, falling unemployment

which will make us money and economic growth. "This tells us to look at retailing. leisure, selected housing stocks, and other household shares such as private motor-

ing," he says, Mr Jackson became interested in the City during a work placement in a company treasurv department as part of his business studies degree at Hatfield Polytechnic.

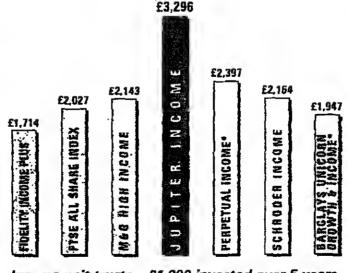
He intends running smaller company funds for a long time. You have more chance of finding a star performer among smaller companies although



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# Not all PEPs are equal

Abigail Montrose on the options for people who receive windfalls

**WORLDCOVER** 

lion people who will receive huilding society windfall shares this summer, you should start thinking now about what you want to do with the shares. Many people will want to keep them and the most tax-

efficient way to do this is in a PEP. Thanks to a ruling by the Inland Reveoue, investors who receive free shares from several demutualisations will be able to shelter these shares in a general PEP oo top of their annual £6,000 general PEP allowance.

Investors may also decide to open a single-company PEP for their shares, up to a £3,000 limit. All the building societies which are converting to hanks are likely to offer single-company PEPs to their shareholders. But as you can only put one company's shares in this type of PEP, if you are expect-ing shares from more than one huilding society this will not be appropriate.

Those expecting windfalls from more than one huilding society could shelter all the shares in a self-select PEP. But you will oot he allowed to do this if you already have a general PEP, as you can only have one general PEP each tax year. Moreover, with a selfselect PEP, you would be unable to then have a separate general PEP an addition to the self-select one you are sheltering the shares in.

So if you already plan to have a general PEP in the 1997/98 tax year and are already said that they will expecting several lots of windallow their geoeral PEP

£1,000 of shares wheo Alliance & Leicester, Halifax, Northern Rock and Woolwich demutualise could put all these shares into their PEP oo top of their £6,000 allowaoce. This in effect would eoahle the investor to shelter £10,000 of shares in their PEP for the 1997/98 tax year.

Several of the large PEP providers, including Perpetual, M&G, Schroders, Barclays and Mercury, have

ager at Barclays, believes it is only fair to tell investors before the beginning of the new tax year if they will be allowed to shelter these shares in their PEP. "If we don't offer this service, investors who invested their 1997/98 PEP allowance of these schemes is that you with us would find when they received their windfall shares in the summer they could not PEP them. By allowing them to shelter these shares in our geoeral PEP this avoids the

problem," he says.

plus the sum at which your windfall shares are sold. Many PEP providers are

shares into its PEP hut they

must then be cashed in and the

money used to buy additional

units in Fidelity's unit trust

PEP. Save & Prosper offers a

similar facility. The advantage

can increase the amount you

are allowed to invest in your

PEP from £6,000 to £6,000

investors with windfall shares. Lloyds Bank hopes to offer investors the facility to place windfall shares into all its PEPs and will announce its decisioo before the end of the tax year. Virgin and TSB are looking into the possibility of offering this facility and hope to make

an announcement before the

start of the next tax year. If you want to be sure that you will be able to place any windfall shares in your PEP. contact your provider to find out what arrangements it has made. M&G's Rachel Medill oroblem," he says. looking into what facility, if says: "To be sure that they can shares into your Other PEP providers are aoy, they will offer PEP get all their horus shares into days of receipt. says: "To be sure that they can

tax-free covironment investors looking for a 1997/98 PEP should choose a general PEP that will allow holding of individual shares in institutions which are coming to the

stock market." You can only have one PEP manager each tax year. So if you discover after 6 April that your PEP provider will not allow you to put any windfall shares in your PEP, it will be too late to start a new PEP.

If you plan to put your shares into a PEP, ask for a share certificate and put the shares into your PEP within 42



## Don't be fazed about London stock markets

Investors who expect a crash should put their PEPs to work in Europe, writes Ken Welsby

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f you are oervous about the prospects for the London stock market, consider a phased PEP which will spread its investment over several mooths.

That is the latest advice from a number of IFAs. "There are really two issues but they both have the same effect," says Colin Beavan of Chew Valley Financial Services in Bristol.

"The market is close to a record high, so there could be a correction soon, and there is added uncertainty about the election and what that might mean."

So if people want to take advantage of this year's PEP tax allowance, one of the thiogs to consider is a phased PEP. You put all of your cash into the plan before the eod of the tax year, but it is invested in the market over several months, so reducing the risk,

This is quite different from a savings plan in which you make moothly payments, since any cootributions after 5 April would not

qualify for this year's tax allowance. One phased scheme is offered by NPL while another on similar lines is from New Directions, marketed through the DBS oetwork of inde-

pendent financial advisers. Both of these can be attractive in preseot circumstances, says Jane Caudle, of Raynes Park, London. who also suggests diversifying away

from the UK stock market. She says: "The PEP rules say, m simple terms, that 75 per ceot of the plan must be invested in European stock markets. So a oumber of fund managers such as Newtoo are now starting to promote plans which put 75 per ceot of your money into European funds and the rest into the Far East."

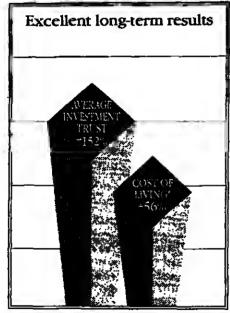
Mr Beavan agrees: "Since contioental markets are at different stages of the ecocomic cycle, they can be quite attractive to investors. It's not always the easiest concept for people to understand."

A variation oo this theme is put forward by Colin Chalmers in

Leeds: "A lot of couples forget that they can each have a PEP every year. So what we are saying to people is that one partner can conceotrate oo UK funds while the other goes into Europe and the

Pacific Rim. "Couples who are investing the maximum every year - typically people running small husinesses who are using their PEPs for retirement savings - can alternate from year to year, so that their portfolios are broadly balanced."

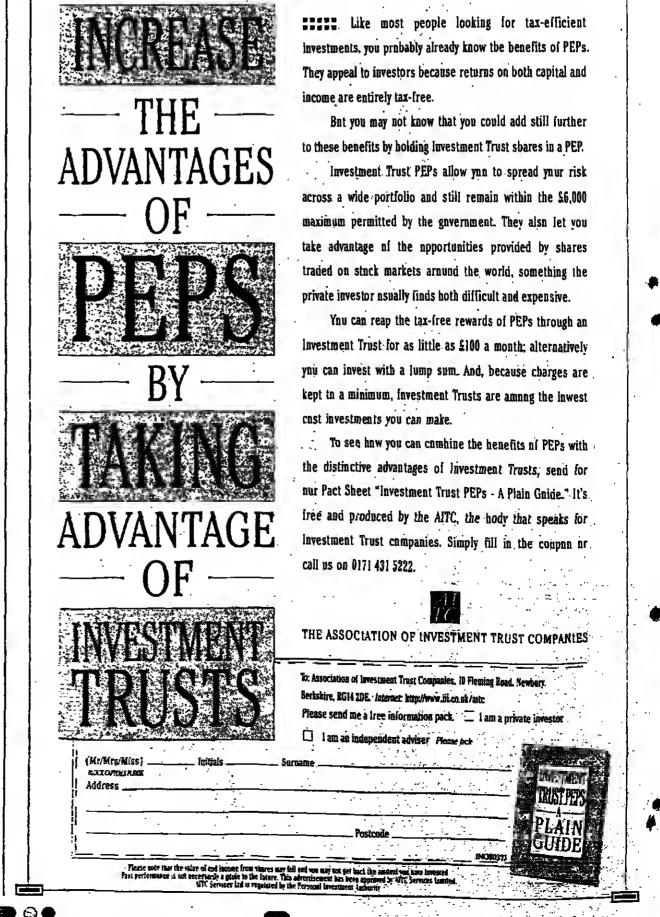
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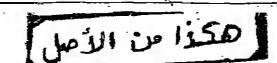


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#### TO FIND OUT WHAT'S ON TV, WHERE TO GO AND WHEN, READ THE EYE TODAY



Serena Mackesy everyone showing a dachshund today comes, up to my shoulder, has thin legs, barrel shaped frumks, and floral swimming-cap haindos. They favour suits and skirt sets, all of which seem to be rounded off by American Tan tights and bright, white trainers. "They're all wearing the same clothes." "Minm." Eds heads for the Borzoi ring. "They're very much Crufts should have a few ring. They're very much of a breed." serious job of judging the skinny girls

ds stands at the back of the crowd with a carrier-bag full of crunchy meat-flavoured filler foods. We are watching the slow parade of the long-haired dachshunds. Eds come out to the National pronounces it "dash-und" and I Exhibition Centre to scare the

On. That, I reply, is because they re all the same breed. He wassles his head back. No surpid. I mean the women." I look more closely. It's true: everyone showing a dachs-

Dog owners don't so much resemble their pets as look like each other. Crufts should have canines: craits should have a few people classes to relieve the serious job of judging the camines skinny girls with curly perms, fierce women in brogues, shiniest suit, best jumper. Their With curly behaviour varies from breed to breed as well: the toy dog perms, fierce owners conduct their business io steely sileoce, glaring disapprovingly at each other

disapprovingly at each other over their wire cages. The areas for hoge dogs – Borzois, Afghans, wolfhounds, deerbounds – are more cocktail party in atmosphere, with knots of jolly laughter and exhanged gossip. The obedience ring with its sign saying "I Down 2 Stand 3 Sit 4 Down 5 Sit 6 Stand" so that the does who. 6 Stand", so that the dogs who can read can cheat, is lined with people in T-shirts and skipants, cating foil-wrapped sandwiches and drinking tea out

The Staffordshire bull terrier owners are the best. Staffs are, of course, the dog of choice for

fighting matches around the Birmingham area, and they've all



dogs. I don't get the giggles until we're safely in Ibizan bound territory, where the gold eyes and lanky gait of the competitors are an uncomfortable reminder of my Persian ex. I just have to keep remembering the cold, damp nose and encless need for patting

that were part of the package.

The place is full of stalls. There's a stall that will paint a portrait of your pooch onto a leather handbag, a stall that does umbrellas with dogs on, one that will sell you a pen with "I [heart] Schipperkinds" and "I [heart] Swedish Valhuods" printed down the side in gold. I find my favourite advertising slogan of all time: "Sergeants Kills Fleas in Carpets." Eds is tempted by the roast dinner with sage extracts toothpaste sold by Dorwest Herbs. They also stock a homeopathic remedy called Tree Barks, which claims to be "a outritional supplement for diarrboea, colitis and pan-creatic disorders". I still don't

really understand why you would

want to give those things to your dog, but I guess I'm just not a

Eds finds a copy of one of those large-circulation magazines you never knew existed, Obedience Competitor, the magazine for dog dos and don'ts. We speculate about its readership. "Do you think you get pervs buying it by mistake?" he says. "Naah. They buy it for the small ads." "Submissive puppy seeks stern master." "Mmm. British bulkdog seeks hot bitch with choke chain." The car-sticker stall has gone

overboard to milk the market.

Every breed is represented in the style of those "baby on board" stickers which their owners believe proclaim their fertility and all other drivers interpret as meaning Expect erratic driving because I haven't had any sleep and I will be looking over my

shoulder to try and find the dummy my scream-ing child has dropped under the seat." Horse people do this, too, plastering their trailers with stickers saying "borses in transit", as if other drivers would be expecting a rhinoceros to suddenly pop its head

out of the back. But they don't go as far as dog people. Dog people buy by the handful stickers saying "Glen of Imaal terriers in transit", "Maremma Sheepdogs in transit", "Komondors in transit". If I found myself behind a car saying "Petits Bassets Griffon Vendeen in transit", I'd probably have to crash into the back out

of curiosity.

And then there are the "DO IT" stickers. Once upon a time, DO IT stickers were doubleentendres. Windsurfers Do It Standing Up, that sort of thing. Dog Do It stickers go like this: "Alaskan Malamutes Do It Without Asking", "Shiba Inus Do It Screaming", "Agility Dogs Do It Admirably", We stare at these open-mouthed, "Lancashire Heelers Do It Lovingly", "Shih Tzus Do It Sweetly" "Basenjis Do It Better". Eds heaves a sigh. Tve just realised something about dog people," he says. "Oh, yeah? What's that?" "They're all

Kerber

## Keeping up with the Joneses

n my year at college there was an earnest lad called Paul Pond, whose passionate desire was to obliterate his public-school past. While the rest of us listened to jazz, he went out and did it, and it was no surprise when he got sent down for persistently failing exams. But be stayed on in town, defiantly playing his mouth-organ in pubs: how we laughed! Next thing we knew. be was wearing red wellies, fronting a band called Manfred Mann, and fighting off the fans. And he'd changed his name to Jones. He went on to win stardom on stage and screen, and then got religion.

But be never broke faith with his real religion, as witness the wonderful three-hour blues-hinge to which he treats Jazz FM listeoers every Saturday morning. Last week, in a Fistful of

Dynamite (Radio 2), he went back to his roots with a history of the harmonica. His claim that this is the most versatile and evocative instrument ever inveoted was amply borne out: it can do just about anything you want (unless you're Bob Dylan, in which case it does very little, very boringly). Jones and fellow-blowers explained bow



to bend notes, how to choke them, and how to vary your wah-wah-wah; while the chromatic instrument (with a lever) permits cleverness, the simple "diatonic" harmonica is what you need for the blues, a sound that goes straight to the heart.

That same day, David Owen Norris bad given us a crash course in burdy-gurdy studies Bat I Know What I Like. (Radio 4, Tues) with the aid of hurdy-gurdist Nigel Eaton. A. hurdy-gurdy is a series of strings "bowed" by a handcranked wheel, and it sounds like a wheezy orchestra: Eaton and Norris were bazy about (from the Orient via Byzan-ourn and Muslim Spain) and their demo tracks went on far too long.
But the documentary imme-

diately preceding this was a disgrace. Imagine An Onion was a "sound-portrait" of the glasstowered bibliothèque de grande vitesse - Mitterrand's answer to our orange-hrick monstrosity in London's Euston Road. Like its British counterpart, the French library has a soundarchive: cue a cack-handed collage of creaky pianos and cracked voices (none of them named). Cue some hashed voxpops of sturning handlity, including (1 kid you not) an American academic researching a Renaissance essayist called "Montaggner". And cue a vacuous commentary which complained that the place was miserable, wet, and windy, so unlike the dear old library in Rue Richelieu, where you could nip out for a coffee, a gauloise, and - ho ho! - the

solace of a local fille de joie. Mon dieu! This was Radio 4's pathetic stab at an intellectual subject: as one might have predicted, the Radio 1 documentary oo Star Wars was the instrument's origin – they a model of intelligent rigour. should look it up in Grove I never could take this glorified

kids' film seriously, but Skywalker (Sun) laught me respect for its maker. George Lucas is secretive, inarticulate, and gets minions like Richard Dreyfus and Harrison Ford to pursue unquestioningly his bold, original visions. This programme anatomised that mysterious process.

I tried - really tried - to enjoy David Pownall's vision of Salvador Dali giving Winston Churchill painting lessons (The Curves of Clio. Radio 3, Tues), and Pownall's yoking of Ezra Pound and Monteverdi | Pound on Mr Greenhill, Radio 3, Sun), but was defeated each time by the hysterically mannered tooe. Director Cherry Cookson, meanwhile, brought Dickensian fire to Trollope's Framley Parsonage (Radio 4. Sunday), and thereby improved it no end.

Listening to Desmond Tutu in Paths of Inspiration (Radio 2, Fri) was - well -inspiring, Ian Hislop's Sentimental Journey to Hong Kong (Radio 4. Sun) where his father had died when he was 12-was sadder than either Hislop, or his host Arthur Smith, or the programme's chirpy format. seemed able to cope with. Robert Hanks returns next week

## Football crazy, football mad

ben Film Night (C4, Tues) kicked off a few weeks ago, it touted the novelty of a twin-presenter format, designed to allow for informal but informative repartee on the splendidly curvaceous sofa. The novelty has oow worn off and the repartee has been seen for what it really is: stilted, botched, and wrong-headed. For this week's relaunch, one of the presenters has been rutblessly rationalised, along with the weekly two-minute mimetic essay on film style. Good riddance to innovation. Hello again, safety.

So, Janice Forsyth stays on. Never mind that she talks through a tightly drawstrung aperture as if trying not to dribble. The presenter they've, ahem, devisualised is Tommy Udo. You just hope the proknow what they're doing. Udo povice but was such a buff that he took his preposterous pseudonym from an arcane film noir about a psychotic gangster. If Tommy Udo the ex-presenter is anything like Tommy Udo the character, Film Night's executive producer Kirsty Wark might consider laying low for a while. Any movie buff can tell you to beware the

chopper chopped. Udo may reflect on the cruel



Jasper Rees ne week on television

irony of his axing in the week Film Night ran an item on American Psycho, the allegedly satirical slasher novel by Brett Easton Ellis which is to he turned into a film by two women (which apparently makes it all all right). Having gooe to the needless trouble of been Udo's finest hour.

There were more psychopaths in a fascinating Panorama (BBC1, Mon), in which a shrink rounded up all the remorseless killers at Parkhurst and cold-hloodedly shot them. With a video camera. The film made no bones about buying into the gruesome glamour of the callous murderer. It dubbed them "predators", a respectful quo-

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Herr Schwarzeoegger. The things up into little bits. There was even a cross-dressing sertal killer of the Silence of the Lambs variety.

The film delivered the more humdrum truth that, though they had all buried some toxic memory in the sarcophagus of their own psyche, most psychopaths don't wear lace halterneck tops. They wear football shirts and, more pointedly, the shirts of teams who are going down the plughole. There was one murderer in a West Ham top, another in a Manchester South Bank Show's conspicu-City top. The Dutch psychopath gramme's decision-makers naming himself after an Amer- we met who has been apparican psycho, this would surely eotly cured and released into the community work the colours of Manchester United

-who on The European Match - Live! (ITV, Wed), incidentally. finally fulfilled their remit to deliver two hours of primetime entertainment, QED. The lad on the sofa of The

Mrs Mertoo Show (BBC1, Fri) was wearing a Wimbledon shirt. The club are doing well and Vinny Jones has been allowed to mingle in ordinary

that distinguished and impec- for the company of a young cably Austrian explorer of the woman who pretends to be a psychopathic subconscious. granny and her other guest this week. Boy George, George screen kept on multiplying into tiny fragments, as if the film editor, like the interviewees, has a penchant for chopping (By the way, Boy George once said he preferred lea to sex. and the murderer in the lace balter neck said he found it as easy to kill someone as to pick up a cup of tea. What is it with cross-dressers and tea? Perbaps Panorama ought to inves-

The South Bank Show (ITV. Sun) turned in a profile of the Bee Gees that began to deliver more than you initially expected and eventually came up with much less. As the film dwindled into another of The ous failures to grapple with pop, you were treated to a personal tour of not just Barry's Oxfordshire mansion but also Robin's. At least they drew the line at nosing round Maurice's gaff. What this Hello!esque encounter needed was a psychopathic slasher in the cutting room, to perform the kind of radical surgery that must once have been perpetrated on Barry's nether regions. Ruthless knifework is afways said to be Mclv's greatest ability but, on this evitation from the seminal text by society, if ordinary's the word dence, he has been cured.

# DAMIEN WHAT'S WITH YOU? IT'S A CREATIVE I'M BEING' THE ROOF YOU'RE SMOKING LIKE A THING OF A HOUSE CHIMNEY

AMEN HURTS.... and his painfully creative struggle

Whatever happened to..

officer and a member of the British cabinet. James Bond, via detours for liaisons with scantily clad women, is chased by Spies and villains with funny foreign accents, and spies, counter spies, and counter, counter spies. ,spying?

Or was it really like that? Donald MacLean, holed up in some housing estate on the edge of. Moscow having fled Britain to escape imprisonment for espi-

1963 Christine Keeler is found onage in 1951 might have a few cavorting with a Russian naval cootradictory words to say oo the subject. He wouldn't be able to cootribute much now though, passing away oo this very day in 1983. A classical education He came

from a Cambridge in the 1930s where spying against your own country wasn't actually taught, but where you wouldn't be called stupid for thinking as much. One of many enticed by the chance to demonstrate initiative

in an exciting environment. For a career in the city which meant quiet alleyways and coffee shops rather than management consultancy or Lloyd's.

Nice work MacLean was accompanied in his work, as well as in his fleeing, by another star player, Guy Burgess, while old boy Anthony Bhint combined bis posts as Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures with that of KGB agent, before establishmeot contacts beiped keep him

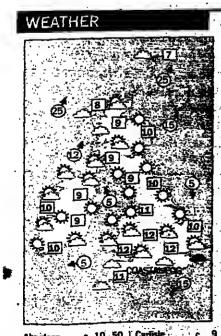
in the country in the Sixties after he'd admitted to spying. Others - blunderers and plunderers for the KGB Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were simply

The end, my friend The end of communism has meant less work for the CIA and MI5, and fewer novels from Le Carré. And the end of the Cold War. The IRA have provided an entertaining little sideline, but have recently gone soft, a huge

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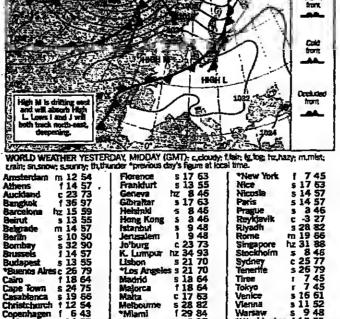
bomb last September prevented from going off by a £100,000 bribe. And this week another CIA agent admitted to working for the Russians. Still there's ground for bope in other parts of the world. A mad despot running a major Middle Eastern power (Iraq) and a series of countries - Chechnya for example - that you wouldn't exactly describe as stable present the possibility of good times again for our secret service.



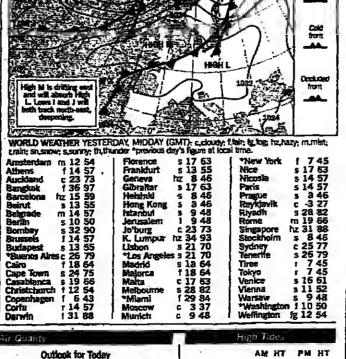


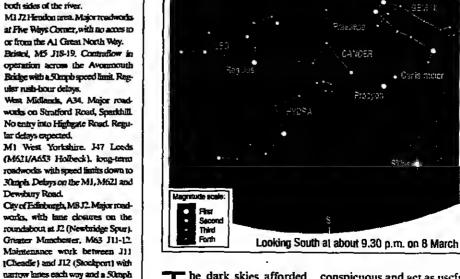
The British Isles General Situation and 5-Day Outlook:

A developing anticyclone will drift east across the British Isles today with Atlantic depressions being held well to the west. Most of Scotland will have sunny spells and a south-westerly breeze. However, the far north and the Northern and Western Isles will be cloudier and windier. Northern Ireland will see sunny spells and a southerly breeze. England and Wales will start misty and southeast England may stay cloudy. Elsewhere, though, it will be fine with most places getting some sunshine and light winds. Sunday promises plenty more fine weather and light winds but cloud in the south-west will drift north through the Irish Sea. Monday and Tuesday will again be mainly fine with sunny spells and a mild southerly breeze. It will, though, be cloudier and windier over northwest Scotland with rain and gusty winds spreading into northern Scotland on Wednesday. Elsewhere, the fine and fairly warm weather will continue.



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he dark skies afforded by new Moon this weekend present a good opportunity to search out fainter constellations. Cancer is an interesting example, wellplaced for viewing on March evenings. Though its name is familiar as a zodiacal constellation, the Crah is rather dim and nondescript. Its brightest star is only magnitude three and a half. However, it lies squarely between Leo and Gemini, which are much more

conspicuous and act as useful points of reference. Cancer is worth finding for the rather nice star cluster that lies at its heart. Praesepe (the Manager), also commonly known as the Beehive, is a swarm of about 200 stars located about 500 light years away from us. In a dark sky, it is just about visible to the naked eye as a misty patch, and it is a good target for observing with binoculars.



#### The big picture

Singles

Sun 10pm C4

A short season of films starring Matt Dillon (above) begins with this delightful comedy about the love lives of a quartet of Seattle twentysomethings. Dillon plays a dead-end grunge rock musician in love with Bridget Fonda, whose real-life partner, Eric Stoftz, makes a cameo appearance, along with Tim Burton. A good cast also includes Campbell Scott and Kyra Sedgwick and the director is Cameron Crowe, whose Jerry Maguire has just opened over here.

### **Television preview**

Recommended viewing this weekend

by Gerard Gilbert



The Saint Sat 3.35pm BBC2 Deacon Brodie Sat 9pm BBC1 Jane Eyre Sun 8pm ITV Balls to Africa Sun 9.30pm BBC1 Omnibus Sun 10.15pm BBC1

think I'm beginning to discern a difference between BBC and ITV costume dramas. It's in the BBC's love of/slavery to detail: the costumes themselves, the interior decor, the fruitier sort of supporting character actor. That's not to say that the BBC dramas en necessarily better. Take LWT's version of Jane Eyre (Sun ITV), which I'm sure will be pursued by with decision of the sure from the sure will be pursued by critical derision all the way from Wapping to Canary Wharf. Packed into just over two hours, Charlotte Brontë's tempestuous love story is intensified to a fever pitch more associated with Mills and Boon than true 19th-century romance. Cliff "Heathcliff" Richard

eat your heart out. This may seem laughable to English Li1 purists, but it's surely true to the original appeal of Bronte's novel a swirling, proto-Freudian romance, with its dark, masterful, Byronic hero and its independent and intelligent heroine. Ciaran Hinds - last seen stealing Ivanhoe from the series's nominal star - makes a humane Rochester, Samaniha Morton a suitably quivering Jane. Kay Mellor's excellent script reinvents Charlotte Bronte as fast, popular, prime-time television.

all the BBC's traditional attention to detail. This is a jolly shaggy dog story from the tail-end of the 18th century. Billy Connolly is very appealing as Brodie, a notorious Edinburgh "character" a slippery womaniser and master carpenter who specialised in door locks and hangman's gallows. His downfall is busily being plotted by Patrick Malahide, his opponent on the town council, and a strong cast also includes 5iobhan Redmond and Ewen Bremner. My one criticism - since we're talking details - is that

eryone seems to have very good teeth for the 1780s.
Balls to Africa (Sun BBC1) packs up a soccer team of trendy comedians (Nick Hancock, Angus Deayton, Skinner and Baddiel) and sends them to the poorest parts of Africa. Yes, we're talking Comic Relief. The idea is that their football team, Sporting Noses, plays matches against local teams while the celebs report back on how the last Red Nose Day money was spent. Flip, post-Have I Got News for You comedy and Third-

Deacon Brodie (Sat BBC1) comes packed with entertaining and moving - as was intended. The thought also occurs that it would make a good starting point for a Ben Elton novel.

It's a better idea than Omnibus (Sun BBC1) and its celebration of Mothering Sunday - a film looking at stars and their mothers (Spice Girl Emma Bunton, boxer Lennox Lewis and Claire Bloom among them) It's the sort of staple "idea" that women's weeklies consider year after year and the laboured pun of the title - "Stars and Mas" - speaks volumes.

I don't know why, but it's very hard to imagine

Roger Moore ever having had a mother. He seems to have emerged into the world fully formed and perfectly groomed, and, instead of mewling like other babies, quizzically raising ooe eyebrow at the world. BBC2 is rerunning The Saint (Sat BBC2), the glam 1960s adventure series which is the main reason we love Moore. This opening episode has the additional delights of Yootha Joyce and Tony Booth as hardboiled Russian agents. What a loss Joyce is going to be whenever someone gets round to making a sitcom World poverty are the uneasy bedfellows, with soccer as the metaphorical duver. The result is surprisingly of Margaret Thatcher's The Downing Street Years.



The big match Australian Grand Prix Sat 2.10am ITV

ITV has the rights to this season's Formula One season and they want to make sure you know it: Network Centre's biggest coup was in persuading Murray Walker to bring his distinctive hairpin commentary style over to them. but not, of course, the old. Fleetwood Mac theme tune. Jamiroqual do the honours instead. It's unlikely, though, that world champion Damon Hill (above) and his new Arrows team will be winning any honours.

## Saturday television and radio

#### BBC 1

7.00 Harry and the Hendersons (R)(S)(T) (1686408).

7.25 News, Weather (3028175). 7.30 Felix the Cat (R) (3724798).

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 7.45 Phantom 2040 (R)(S)(T) (8045392).
 8.10 The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest (5837972).
 8.35 The Flintstones (R) (5013595).
 9.00 Live and Kicking. Boyzone and the Spice Girls are the guests. Not bad (5) (78844779).
 12.12 Weather (7466330).
 12.15 Grandstand: 12.20 Football Focus (2199137).
 1.00 News (81704021). 1.05 Racing from Chepslow: the 1.15 Racing Post for Cheltenham Handicap Hurdle (47692040). 1.25 Athletics. Coverse of the World Indoor Charmologybins in Coverage of the World Indoor Championships in Paris 159437408). 1.40 Racing from Chepstow: the 1.45 Tote Ten to Follow Handicap Chase 183581866). 1.55 Athletics (83504717), 2.10 Racing from Chepstow: the 2.15 Peter O'Sullevan Racing from Chepstow: the 2.15 Peter O'Sullevan Novices's Hurdle 1361253301, 2.25 Athletics (36120885), 2.40 Rugby League: Warrington v Salford Reds. Coverage of the whole of this Silk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-final be from Wilderspool, Rick-off at 3pm (1058408), 3.45 Football Half-Times (9826069), 3.55 Rugby League: coverage of the second half of the 5ilk Cut Challenge Cup (5477953), 4.40 Final Score (1282224), News Weather (7) (9891088)

5.20 News, Weather (T) (9891088). 5.30 Regional News and Weather (805 779). 5.35 Cartoon (61 3359).

5,45 Oad's Army (RI(T) | 561866). 6.15 The New Adventures of Superman (S) (185798). 7.00 Noel's House Party, Singer Paul Young gets a Gotcha: Samantha Janus, Sean Maguire and Jenny Powell drop by of their own accord

(5) (931224).

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7.50 The National Lottery Live, The last of the Eurovision hopefuls joins Lisa Stansfield for the latest draw (5)(7) (434750).

8.10 Crime Traveller. Time-travelling detective series. Slade and Holly (Michael French and Chloë Armett) investigate the death of Holly's aunt (S) (699363).

9.00 Deacon Brodie. See Preview, above (S)(7) (4972).

10.30 News and Sport, Weather (7) (601798).

10.50 Match of the Day – the Road to Wembley: FA Cup Sixth Round. Desmond Lynam introduces action from the day's only tie in the FA Cup – Derby County v Middlesbrough (S)(7) (4628773).

12.00 World Indoor Athletics. Highlights of loday's main events from Paris (S) (5214002).

12.35 Chalts. Second-sitting sitcom (R)(S)(7) (5876118).

12.35 Chatk. Second-sitting sitcom (R)(S)(T) (5876118). 1.05 Top of the Pops (R)(5)(T) (9949606).

1.35 The Idolmaker (Taylor Hackford 1980 US). Good performances, poor period detail in this expose of the pop world of the late 1950s, based on the life of pop promoter Bob Marcucci, the man behind Frankie Avalori and Fabian. Starring Ray 5harkey and Peter Gallagher (236098). 3,30 Weather (75051536). To 3,35am.

REGION5: Scot: 4.40pm Afternoon Sportscene. 9.00 Mind the Gap: 5t Antony's Day Off. 9.30 - 10.30 Sportscene: The Scottish Cup. 10.50 Deacon Brodie, 12.20 Chalk, 12.50 World Indoor Athletics. 1.25 Top of the Pops. 1.55 Weather.

#### BBC2

6.20 Open University: Art in the 15th Century: Florence (7391446). 6.45 Magnetic Earth (9192205). 7.10 Siena Cathedral (9935156). 8.00 Open

aturday (1 16243). 10.30 EES Kept Husbands (Lloyd Bacon 1931 U5).
Oouble-bill of movies featuring that gentle,
unassuming but always highly effective actor, Joel
McCrea. In this early cornedy, he plays a

steelworker who marries the boss's daughter,
Dorothy Mackaill, and settles uneasily into a life of
moneyed leisure (4518311).

11.45 TST Rough Shoot (Robert Parrish 1953 U5), Joel
McCrea mainly made westerns after the Second World War, but this Hitchcock-style thriller – about an American army colonel living in England who believes he has accidentally killed a man while out shooting – Is a rare exception. The screenplay is by Eric Ambler (T) (5483137).

1.10 Film 97 with Barry Norman (5)(T) (76481476).

1.40 The Big Sky (Howard Hawks 1952 U5). 1.40 DIAM The Big Sky (Howard Hawks 1952 U5).

Quite good, but very, very long Hawksian western starring Kirk Douglas and Dewey Martin as fur trappers doing business up the Missouri River in the 1830s and falling in love with the same woman – the daughter of a Blackfoot Indian chief (Elizabeth Threatt) (19498408).

3.35 The Saint. See Preview, above (R) (9971427).

4.25 DEST Red Line 7000 (Howard Hawks 1955 U5).

A group of racing drivers cope with winning, death

4.25 IPSI Red Line 7000 (Howard Hawks 1955 U5). A group of racing drivers cope with winning, death and romance, on and off the track, in this misconceived boys-in-cars metodrama which gave a young James Caan his first major starring role. The dovetailed racing footage was shot in the UK and USA by Bruce Kessler (53.112663).
6.15 Crufts '97. Peter Purves and Jessica Holm report live from the NEC in 8irmingham on the terriers, toys and hounds (S) (437663).
6.50 Close Up (S) (740663).
7.00 Cosi Fan Tutte. Live from the Royal Opera House

7.00 Close Up (5) (740653).
7.00 Cost Fan Tutte. Live from the Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden – your chance to combine shopping and opera with Jonathan Miller's modern-dress production of Mozart's comic opera, conducted by Dietfrled Bernet. The costumes are by Giorgio Armani, and based on his current spring-summer collection (5) (8668934).

10.30 Biss Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid (Carl Reiner 1981 U5). Clever and very funny comedy meshing out-takes from film-noir classics (White Heat, The others) with footage of Steve Martin's private eye investigating the death of the scientist father of

sultry femme fatale Rachel Ward (T) (3123972).

11.55 Windows on the World. Double bill starts with video artist Bill Viola's visualisation of Edgard Varèse's composition Déserts and concludes with Gunther Schuller's lively animated film Journey into Jazz, which aims to Introduce young people to jazz (S) (390311).

1.00 Global VideoByte. Top of the pops from Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, France, Denmark and Portugal (5) (1282921). To 1.25am. REGION5. Scot: 10.30am The Mursters. 10.55 A Wild Romance, 11.25 Conference 97.12.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. 12.25 Film: Kept Husbands.

#### ITV/London

6.00 GMTV: 6.00 News. 6.10 Professor Bubble. 6.30 Benanas in Pyjamas, 6.50 Bug Alert! 7.15 Dragorflyz. 7.45 Disney's Wake Up in the Wild Room. 8.55 Gargoyles (6756798). 9.25 Scratchy and Co. Guests are Rod Hull and The Big

8 reakfast's Denise Van Outen. Hardly Boyzone and The Spice Girls (See Live and Kicking, 8BC1) (S) (24231798).

11.30 The Chart Show (S) (13663). 12.30 Fresh (11137).

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1.00 News, Weather (T) (81739717).
1.05 London Weekend Today (T) (81738088).
1.10 F1: Australian Grand Prix. The qualifying laps of the Australian Grand Prix from Melbourne. Actually, this all happened in the wee small hours of last night and this is the repeat. Introduced by Jim Rosenthal, with commentary from Murray Walker and Martin Brundle (R)(S) (2183446). 2.40 TIM Like Father, Like Son (Rod Daniel 1987 U5).

Dudley Moore in the first (and worst) of the 1980s Dudley Moore in the first (and worst) of the 1980s body-swap correcties finds surgeon Dud drinking a magic potion and trading places with his horny 16-year-old son, Kirk Cameron, It's not a terrible idea for a cornedy, but unlike Torn Hanks in Big, Moore doesn't give a very convincing portrayal of an adolescent (S)(T) (87494427).

4.30 Cartoon Time (3437972).

4.45 News, Sports Results, Weather (T) (3423779).

5.05 London Weekend Tonight (T) (3658885).

5.15 F1: Australian Grand Prix. Lest we forget: a live update from Melbourne on the qualifying session. Plus, a look ahead to tonight's Grand Prix (9865663).

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5.20 Clueless. Cher lies about her age when she falls for an older man (S)(T) (9217929).

5.45 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (S)(T) (556934).

6.15 You Bet! Two power-lifters attempt to lift a five-ton tank, a karate expert tries to break 40 concrete slabs in 90 seconds – and more (S)(T) (906175).

7.15 Blind Data, Followed by National Lottery Result (S)(T) (902:359).

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8.15 Asteroid. 2/2. Concluding the mini-series about the asteroid on a direct collision course with the Earth. The result of the missile attack on the asteroid is a hellish meteor shower – sending a dangerously large meteoroid heading towards Dallas. Sounds good to me (S)(T) (9522.1682).

9.55 The Clive James Formula One Show. ITV's relentless pre-publicity for its first Grand Pri continues with 14 of the current Formula One drivers – including Oamon Hill and Jacques Villeneuve – gathering in a studio to take questions from a celebrity audience (S/IT) (890934).

10.55 News, Weather, Lottery Result (7) (817798). 11.10 Grand Prix Night – with Murray Walker (223595). 11.15 DEM Grand Prix (John Frankenheimer 1966 U5). The scapy lives and loves of professional drivers are combined with thrilling racing sequences shot on location in Monaco, Holland and Brands Hatch. No process shots here. James Garner, Eva Marie Saint and Yves Montand star (90980021).

**Satellite** 

Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (82663). 8.00 Coppers (7530). 8.30

Cops I (6137), 9.00 Cops II (77243).

9.30 The Serial Yillers (51779).

10.00 Law and Order (81934). 11.00 Red Shoe Olaries (89088). 11.30 The Movie Show (54953). 12.00 Wild Oats (39083). 12.30

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7.00pm Beverly Hills, 90210 (60S2021). 8.00 Metrose Place (6078069). 9.00 Pacific Orive

(5058205). 10.00 Tales from the

and Deliver (7618595), 12.00-

6.00am Hit Mix (9555335).

MOVIE CHARRIES

Rich (869793).

SKY MOYES

Crypt (7657040). 10.30 Tales from the Crypt (7683088), 11.00 Stand and Deliver (2146359). 11.30 Stand

6.30am Oliver Twist (15611021).

8.05 Daddy Long Legs (8)074917), 10.15 Sons and Lovers\* (69794595), 12.00 Beauty and the Bandit (821359), 1.45 The

and the baroat (621309), 1,45 He Roets of Heaven (82083311), 4,00 Thumbelina (3427), 6,00 Richie Rich (83392), 8,00 Muriel's Wed-ding (95137), 10,00 Mortal Kombat

(489330). 11.45 Phantasm III

(398427). 1.15 Enter the Ninja (450267). 2.55 Lady Killer

6.00am When the Legends Die

(29575). 8.00 The Chairman (40750). 10.00 An American Christ-mas Carol (75359). 12.00 A Simple

Twist of Fate (63601), 2.00 Tom and Jeny: The Movie (99494), 4.00 The

Air Up There (5885), 6.00 A Simple Twist of Fate (85750), 8.00 The

Just Cause (498088), 11.45 Piez-sure in Paradise (219972), 1.05 Ski

School 2 (6081064), 2.30 It's Pat (1681538), 3.45-6,00am The Chair-man (96403118).

Hudsucker Proxy (97595). 10.00

(4870170). 4.25-6,00am Richle

2.10 F1: Australian Grand Prix. See The big match, above (S) (84550712). 5.10 Grand Prix Classics (1201644). To 5.30am.

#### Channel 4

6.00 Sesame Street (R) (\$1427). 7.00 Dumb and Dumber (S) (50601).

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7.30 Dermis (R) (3717408).
7.45 First Edition (R)(S) (3705663).
8.00 Transworld Sport (16427).
9.00 Morning Line. Look ahead to the day's horse-racing (S) (83514).
10.00 Gazzetta Footbell Italia (35392).
11.00 NBA 24/7. All the latest from the National

11.00 NBA 24/7. All the latest from the National Baskethall Association (S) (55156).
12.00 Rawhide (2/15/4).
1.00 国語 Siege at Red River (Rudolf Maté 1954 U5). American Civil War actioner combining the story of a duplicitous agent with the more traditional western theme of soldiers under Indian attack. Van Johnson heads up the cast (T) (94579972).
2.35 The Sweater, Bafta award-winning animation about the Canadian passion for ice hockey (2720224).
2.45 Channel 4 Racing Brough School (194579972).

2.45 Channel 4 Racing. Brough Scott introduces a four-race card from Sandown Parls the 2.55 Barclays Bank Handicap Hurdle, the 3.30 Surm Oak and Bank Handicap Hurdle, the 3.30 8umt Oak and special Cargo Novices' Chase, the 4.05 Sunderlands Imperial Cup and the 4.40 Hambro Countrywide Handicap Chase (S) (91909196). 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (S)(T) (2053408). 6.30 Right to Reply (S)(T) (885). 7.00 A Week in Politics (S) (7311). 8.00 The Goldring Audit. The gimlet-eyed Mary Goldring analyses the fishing industry, looking at the threat posed by over-fishing. The European Union wants a 40 per cent cutback, which could shell the end of life at sea for many British

spell the end of life at sea for many British fishermen. To examine the possible effects of the crisis, Goldring spends five days on a Cornish fishing boat, looking at new technology, and talking to an EU fisheries commissioner, scientists and

to an EU fisheries commissioner, scientists and retailers (S)(7) (3359).

9,00 Last Chance Lottery (S) (3595).

10.00 Eurotrash (R)(S) (83866).

10.30 The Show (S) (8428935).

11.35 Hill Street Blues. Furillo finds the gun that was used to shoot two of his cops (7) (849427).

12.35 The Client. More from this ho-hum legal-eagla series based on John Grisham's novel. Reggie defends a pregnant teenager who wants to keep her baby against her mother's wishes (5108644).

1.35 The Girlie Show. Guests include Annabel Chong, who holds a world record having had sex with 251 med in 10 hours. Plus, a report out undergraduates

men in 10 hours. Plus, a report on undergraduates who are obsessed with war games (S) (2897625). 2.05 Ridd Lake. Women whose husbands are cheating

on them tell all (R)(S)(T) (8324170).

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2.45 Beavis and Butt-Head (R)(S) (17489).

3.15 Flava. Bounty Killer, Lost Boys and Me'Shell are three of the acts (S) (95642).

3.45 Bless This House (R)(S) (13293460).

4.10 Film Night, Janice Forsyth focuses on the new screenplay of Brett Easton Ellis's controversial book, American Psycho. Plus, an interview with the Warchowski brothers, directors of the lesbian film noir, Bound (R)(S) (8419511).

4.45 The Beat Specials, Iggy Pop in concert (S) (7060070). To 5.50am.

#### ITV/Regions

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Central News and Vilestiner (81733088). 2.40
Movies, Games and Videos (5112243). 3.10 Stuntmasters (9380330). 3.50 sesQuest USV (8788359).
5.95 Central News and Weather (9874311). 5.10 - 5.15pm Central Match - Goals Extra (9866392).

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5.05 - 5.15pm Westcountry News (3658885).

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12.00 Film: Movlewatch (82137). 12.30 Film: The Mark of Zorro\* (76290595). 2.15 Collectors' Lot (399576). 6.30 Travelog (885). 7.00 Newyddion a Chwaraeon (560514). 7.15 Noson O Ddathu (36258205). 9.20 Pengelli (271381). 9.50 Last Chence Lottery (2129311). 10.55 The Show (5058779). 12.00 Brass Eye (91809). 12.30 Fortean TV (7203644). 10.5 The Client (4045731). 4.45 5.40am The Beat Specials (7056625). 5.40am The Beat Specials (7056625).

#### Radio

Radio 1

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Radio 2

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7.00 Record Review. 9.00 Building a Library. Edward Greenfield selects his all-time top ten recordings.

10.15 Record Release.

11.15 Reissues.

12.00 Private Passions. Another

chance to hear Michael Berke-ley's conversation with Lord 1.00 The Power and the Glory. The

last of lour programmes investi-gating church pauronage of the 1.15 News: Viritage Years. The last of four programmes exploring the musical legacy of pianist Ar-tur Schnabel returns to the mu-

sic of Beethoven. 3.15 Youth Orchestras of the World, kursteen McCue introduces a concert given by the Orchestra, conducted by Elgan Festival of British Youth Orches tras in Edinburgh, Debussy: Suite Ibena, Robin Holloway: Inquietus. Wagner: Siegiried's Rhine Journey; Funeral music; Immoiation scene (Gotter-

dammerung).
4.30 Rewrites and Rags. Two works by Stravinsky. The Suite Italienne played by Ernst kovacic (violin) and David Owen Norts (piano), and his Ragtime for 11 instruments played by the London Sinfania 5.00 lazz Record Requests. 5.45 Music Matters

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#### Choice

Bridget Kendall (left) opens The Americas File (11.30am R4), a new series of reports from America, North and South, probing the relationship between the US and its southern neighbours. The movie interview series Close Ups (6.50pm R4) ends on a high note, with the great Richard Widmark.

6.30 Live from the Met: Billy Budd. Britten's two-act opera to alider to by EM Forster and Enc Crozier adapted from a story by Herman Melville. With Philip Langridge, tenor (Vere), Dwayne Croft, baritone (Billy Budd). James Morns, bass (Claggart) and Victor Braun, bantone (Mr Redburn), Chorus and Orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera, New York/Steuart Bedford, Act 1. 8.00 The Met Opera Quiz

8.20 Bifly Budd, Act 2 9.50 Best Words. 10.20 Women Take Centre Stage. Chris Parker intriduces recordings made at the Women Take Centre Stage lestival at London's Purcell Room last year. Shirley Thompson, who is gaining a worldwide reputation as a com-Transition. Singer and guitarist Martha Lewis wrote three pieces for her ten-piece band, and the led by the prolific keyboardist

1.00-7.00am Through the Night. Radio 4 192 4.94 (Mile: 5% 1926b) 194

6.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6-55 Weather. 7.00 Today, 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4.

12.25 Just a Minute

10.00 News; Loose Ends. 11.00 News: The Week in West-11.30 The Americas File. Bridget Kendall looks at US influence or Latin America and at how Latin immigrants are beginning to change the USA. 12.00 Money Box.

1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Oimbleby chairs a topical dis-cussion in Witney, Oxfordshire, with Chris Smith MP; Bruce Anderson, political editor of The Spectator; Oiana Maddock MP, Liberal Democrat MR Liberal Democrat spokesperson on housing, women and family issues; and 5ir Nicholas Bonsor MP, Minister of State, Foreign Office.

1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Any Answers?

2.30 Saturday Playhouse; Hardly

2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Hardly Cinderella. By Olane Samuels. Queen Cinderella is dead and the long must find a new wire. Whose foot will the glass slipper fit this time? With Annabelle Ap-sion and Annette Badland. 4.00 News; That's History. 4.30 Strong Mark

5.00 File on 4. 5.40 See It My Way. Last in the series in which blind broadcast er Peter White examines the myths about blindness 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.25 Week Enging. A satirical re-view of the week's news, with

Wilson and Greg Hemphill. 6.50 Close Ups. Veteran Holly wood actor Richard Widmark gives an extremely rare internew to Nigel Andrews. 7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature. Nick Baker discovers the downside of a design classic – the Philips

Sally Grace, Ford Kiernan, Astrid

7.50 On These Days. 8.50 Saturday Night Theatre: For eign Girls. The final part of Elaine Feinstein's series about the lives and loves of two Jewish women in England. With Jennie Stoller and Jenny Agutter. (R) introduces music composed by Bach but arranged by other composers, including Rachmani-

nov and Watton.

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9.50 Ten to Ten. Welsh writer and minister Endid Morgan presents the fourth in a special series of personal reflections for Lent. 10.00 News.

10.15 American Noir Season: The Red Scream. Beth Porter's dramatisation of Mary Willis Walker's book follows a serial fuller to the execution chamber. but there's a copycal killer at work in the heat of Texas. With Beth Porter and Kerry Shale.

11.45 Britain in Pictures. (R) 12.30 The Late Story: The Gift, By

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Virgin Radio 1215, 1197-1260Hz WK 105 8MHz FM 6.00am Janey Lee Grace 8.00 Russ 'n' Jeno's Greatest Hits 10.00 Jeremy Clark 2.00 The Album Parsons 10.00 Hobin Banks 2.00-

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SKY MOVIES GOLD 6.00pm The Lost World (3854137). 8.00 The Squeeze (3859682). 10.00 7.00am Orson and Olivia (18525). 7.30 Free Willy (84682). 8.00 The Young Inciana Jones Chronicles (38663), 9.00 Quantum Leap Personal Services (6657773). 11.50 Best Seller (3924682). 1.30 Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill! (2790809). 3.00 (36088). 10.00 (Jurraym Leap (36088). 10.00 Kung Fu — The Legend Continues (80866). 11.00 Legends of the Hidden City (64779). 11.30 Sea Rescue (65408). 12.00 Wrestling (43750). 1.00 Wrestling (69798). 2.00 Star Trek (66798). 3.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation The Letter\* (1297606), 4.40-5,55am The kryisible Man\* (44956441) SAY SPORTS 1 SRY SPORTS 1
7.00am World Sports (10021). 7.30
NHL Powerweek (62040). 8.30 Recing News (30311). 9.00 Sports Unlimited (43934), 10.00 The Rugby Club (28040), 11.00 Hold the Back Page (15576). 12.00 Sports Shurday (1005069). 6.00 Football (18243). 7.30 Spanish Football (11514), 9.30 Tennis (92589). 11.30 Golf (55779). 1 30.4 Stammer Horstone Surgery. 3.00 Star Trek: Deep Space (69224). 4.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (68359). 5.00 Star Trek: Voy-ager (5363). 6.00 Kung Fu - The Legand Continues (49934). 7.00

1.30-4.30am ice Hockey: Super-league Play-off (5253248). SRT SPORTS 2
7.00 Soccer AM (8920682). 11.00
Trans World Sport (6408750). 12.00
Golf: Doral Ryder Open (7262601).
2.00 Golf: Mcroccan Open
(5562663). 5.00 Snowboard 13095934). 5,30 Cricket - West Indies v India (5046576). 10,00 Rugby League (7526021). 11.30 Rugby Club Extra (3333156). 12.30-

1.00am Snowboard (6775278). SKY SPORTS 3 12.00noon Survival of the Fittest (5455/1595), 12.30 Water-Skiing (56680866). 1.00 Motor Sport (90591021). 2.30 World Sports 183871514), 3.00 Volta Sparis (83871514), 3.00 Chalest - West In-dies v India: First Test (8).454156), 5.00 NHL Powerweek (70735779), 6.00 Ice Hockey (92562205), 9.00 Golf: Doral Ryder Open (92169779). 11.00 Inside the PGA Senior Tour (32357750). 11.30-12.00midnlight

6.00am Pin Money 6.30 Fashion 7.00 Sport 7.30 Sport Quiz 8.00 Pop Quiz 8.30 Looking for Love 8.45 Pet Squad 9.00 Revelations 9.30 Pet Squad 9.00 Revelations 9.80
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